

The Dental Hygiene Program provides knowledge and skills necessary to provide direct patient care according to the scope of practice for licensed dental hygienists in Minnesota. Routine functions include patient assessment, documentation of findings, dental hygiene diagnosis and treatment planning, scaling, non-surgical periodontal treatment, amalgam polishing and margination, polishing teeth, placing dental sealants, exposing and interpreting radiographs, utilizing preventive and therapeutic medicaments, administering local anesthetic, nitrous oxide sedation, and personalized oral health education, nutritional and tobacco cessation counseling. The program prepares students for written and clinical licensing board exams as well as any jurisprudence tests required for licensure. The Dental Hygiene curriculum requires two consecutive academic years, including a part-time summer session.

The Dental Hygiene program begins once per year, in the Fall Semester. Courses are scheduled during weekday afternoons and evenings (starting as early as 11:00 am and ending as late as 9:00 pm) and occasionally, Saturday mornings. There are 12 students accepted each year. To be considered for the program, applicants must have completed the minimum academic requirements by May 31 of the year they are applying to enter the program. (See page 4, Dental Hygiene Readiness Determination Form or the Dental Hygiene program brochure.)

Applications for the Dental Hygiene Program will be accepted from November 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. The College reserves the right to extend the application deadline until the class is filled.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### 1. **Dental Assistant Requirement:**

- Graduation from an accredited Dental Assistant program
- 1040 hours (equal to approximately six months full-time work) Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) experience in the past three years. Please use the enclosed work verification form included in this packet
- Students must currently be a Minnesota Registered Dental Assistant. Students may mail a notarized copy of the certificate or bring in the original to be copied in the Admissions office.

### 2. **Science Requirement:** Completion of the following science courses with a grade of "C" or better **and** an overall GPA of 2.75:

- Introductory Chemistry (Century Chem 1020-4 sem cr. or Chem 1041-5 sem cr.)  
(PLEASE NOTE: Math 30 is a prerequisite for Chem 1020)
- Human Anatomy & Physiology (Century Biol 2031 & 2032 - 8 sem cr. **or** Biol 2040 & 2045 -8 sem cr)  
(PLEASE NOTE: Biology 1020 and Chemistry 1020 are prerequisites for Biology 2031)
- Microbiology (Century Biol 2035-3 sem cr.)

### 3. **Credit and GPA Requirement:** Completion of a minimum of 12 semester credits or 18 quarter credits with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5. These credits must be college level. Note:

- Grade point average will be calculated on all college level - liberal arts credits completed at the time of application to the Dental Hygiene program. Technical credits and credits earned under Pass/Fail, CLEP, Career Development, Learning Lab, Study Skills, PhyEd or English as a Second Language (ESL) courses will not be calculated in the GPA or counted in the 12/18 minimum credits required for admission.

- Students who have an overall grade point average of less than 2.5 may petition to use only “recent” college level credits to meet the required 2.5 GPA. Students must complete the “recent” credits and submit the petition to the Admissions Office attention Sherry H. prior to the Dental Hygiene Program application deadline.
- If a student has earned a baccalaureate degree or higher, the minimum 2.5 GPA may be calculated on the final 45 quarter credits or 30 semester credits. The science requirement must also be met.

**4. Basic Skills Requirement:** All Dental Hygiene applicants are required to comply with the Century College policy regarding assessment testing in reading comprehension, writing, and math. Assessments must be completed prior to the application deadline. *All required remedial / developmental coursework must be completed by the end of the summer session that precedes the beginning of the Dental Hygiene program, or the student will lose his/her space in the program.*

**5. High School Diploma/GED:** All Dental Hygiene applicants must have a high school diploma or GED.

#### Selection Process

- At the application deadline, qualified applicants will be assessed based on the application requirements. Applicants who have completed all of the admission requirements by the March 31 deadline will receive priority consideration.
- If there are more qualified applicants than available spaces, a selection process will be conducted and an alternate list will be established.
- Qualified applicants will either be accepted as one of the students in the program or will be placed on an alternate list.
- Students on the alternate list will be selected in the order of their alternate list number and only if previously selected students decline their acceptance prior to the first date of the first dental hygiene class.
- Applicants on the alternate list will not be carried over to the next year and therefore, will need to apply again before the next application deadline to be considered.

#### Application Requirements

**Deadlines:** The Dental Hygiene Program application must be completed and submitted by March 31, 2009. If you have never applied to Century College you must include a Century College application along with a \$20 non refundable application fee.

**Pre-application education requirements:** At the time of application, applicants must have completed all the academic requirements listed previously as “Admission Requirements”.

**Transcripts:** Request official transcripts for all college courses and vocational school work done previously, including any courses in progress. Transcripts must be sent directly from the previous institution. International transcripts must be evaluated by World Education Services to be petitioned for use; contact [info@wes.org](mailto:info@wes.org).

### **Criminal Background Check:**

Minnesota Law requires any individual having contact with patients to complete a criminal background check prior to starting the clinical experience. An individual may be disqualified from having patient contact and would not be permitted to participate in the clinical experience.

### **Social Security Notice:**

Many colleges/universities, including Century College, use Social Security numbers for student identification purposes on student records. Providing your Social Security number is voluntary. If you do not provide this number, your application will still be processed. This data is requested for purposes of administration, program evaluation and consumer and alumni data. Your number also may be used to create summary information about system programs through data matches with other state agencies.

### **Data Privacy Notice:**

The college is asking you to provide information that includes private and/or confidential information under state and federal law. The college is asking for this information in order to process your petition for residency. You are not legally required to provide the information the college is requesting; however, the college may not be able to effectively process your petition if you do not provide sufficient information. With some exceptions, unless you consent to further release of private information, access to this information will be limited to school officials, including faculty who have legitimate educational interests in the information. Under certain circumstances, federal and state laws authorize release of private information without your consent: (1) to other schools in which you seek to enroll, or are enrolled, if you are first notified of the release; (2) to federal, state and local officials for purposes of program compliance, audit or evaluation; (3) as appropriate in connection with your application for, or receipt of, financial aid; (4) to your parents, if your parents claim you as a dependent student for tax purposes; (5) if the information is sought with a subpoena, to an organization engaged educational research or accrediting agency. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities abide by the provision of Title IX and other federal and state laws forbidding discrimination on the bases of sex, race, color, national origin or handicap and all other state and federal laws regarding equal opportunity.

# Dental Hygiene Program Associate in Applied Science Degree

## Career/Occupational Requirements: 49 Credits

DENH 1021	Head and Neck Anatomy
DENH 1025	Oral Histology and Embryology
DENH 1023	Oral Anatomy
DENH 1030	Advanced Radiology
DENH 1040	Dental Hygiene Principles I
DENH 1045	Dental Hygiene Practice I
DENH 1050	Periodontology
DENH 1060	Dental Pharmacology
DENH 1070	Applied Biochemical Nutrition For the Dental Hygienist
DENH 1080	Dental Hygiene Principles II
DENH 1085	Dental Hygiene Practice II
DENH 2000	Dental Hygiene Principles III
DENH 2005	Dental Hygiene Practice III
DENH 2010	Dental Hygiene Principles IV
DENH 2015	Dental Hygiene Practice IV
DENH 2020	Oral Pathology
DENH 2030	Community Dental Health & Epidemiology
DENH 2035	Community Dental Health Practice
DENH 2040	Legal Aspects of Dental Practice
DENH 2060	Dental Hygiene Principles V
DENH 2065	Dental Hygiene Practice V

## General Education/MnTC Requirements : 20 Credits

*Goal 1 – Communication: 7 credits*

ENGL 1021 Composition I

Select one of the following SPCH courses

COMM 1021 Fundamentals of Public Speaking

COMM 1031 Interpersonal Communication

COMM 1041 Small Group Communication

COMM 1051 Intercultural Communication

*Goal 2 – Critical Thinking: fulfilled when all MnTC goals are complete*

*Goal 3 and/or Goal 4 – Sciences/Math/Logical Reasoning: 3 credits*

This goal has been met by the Program Application Requirements

*Goal 5 – History/Social and Behavioral Sciences: 6 credits*

Psychology elective

Sociology elective

*Goal 6 – Humanities and Fine Arts: 3 credits*

*Goals 7-10: Three credits in one of the four goals (Fulfilled by Communication Course)*

## Additional Requirements: 2 credits

BIOL 2050 Human Disease Concepts

# Dental Hygiene Readiness Determination Form

## DENTAL ASSISTANT REQUIREMENT

YES	NO	
_____	_____	I have graduated from an Accredited Dental Assistant Program
		College _____ Year _____
_____	_____	I will have worked at least 1,040 hours as a Registered Dental Assistant by May 31, 2009
_____	_____	I am a Registered Dental Assistant (Please submit current certification)

## SCIENCE REQUIREMENT

EACH OF THE FOLLOWING COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES MUST HAVE THE MINIMUM CREDIT REQUIREMENTS **WITH AT LEAST A GRADE OF "C" AND AN OVERALL GPA OF 2.75.**

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>INSTITUTION*</u>	<u>GRADES</u>
Introductory Chemistry (Chem 1020 - 4 sem credits or Chem 1040 – 5 sem credits)		
Basic Human Anatomy and Physiology (Biol 2031-4 sem credits <b>and</b> 2032- 4 sem credits <b>or</b> Biol 2040 –4 sem credits <b>and</b> 2045 – 4 sem credits)		
Microbiology (Biol 2035 - 3 sem credits)		

**\*Student is responsible for submitting official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.**

## BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENT

All Dental Hygiene applicants are required to comply with the Century College policy regarding assessment testing in reading comprehension, writing, and math. Assessments must be completed prior to the application deadline.

ASSESSMENT SCORE	DEVELOPMENTAL COURSEWORK COMPLETED
Reading _____	Course # _____ College _____
Math _____	Course # _____ College _____
Writing _____	Course # _____ College _____

All required developmental coursework **must** be completed by the end of the summer session that precedes the beginning of the Dental Hygiene program, or the student will lose his/her space in the program.

## Certification **NOTE: Your application must be signed and dated.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the Dental Hygiene program's admission information for the year in which I am applying.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have submitted the Century College application for general admission and paid the \$20 non-refundable application fee.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand I am responsible for having all official college transcript(s) sent to Century College prior to the application deadline.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have taken the Accuplacer Assessment test and am attaching a copy of the test results, as required, to my application.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I am offered a place in the program, I will required to submit a non-refundable deposit of \$100 to hold my place in the program. If I do enter the program this year the \$100 will be put toward my tuition and fees.

### Certification Notice:

I certify that the information I have provided on this application form and in all other admission application materials is complete, accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Dental Hygiene Application Form

This application is for: Fall Semester 2009

Name (Last, First, Middle Maiden)	Social Security Number or Century Student ID number
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Permanent Address	City	State	Zip Code	County
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Mailing Address (if different from above)	City	State	Zip Code	County
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Home Phone ( ) _____	Are you a US Citizen? _____ Are you a Resident Alien? _____ If not, what type of visa do you hold? _____
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E-mail address	Cell Phone ( ) _____
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**Educational Record:** Names of secondary schools, colleges and technical schools attended:

High Schools or GED *	State	Town or City	Dates		Degree or diploma received
			From	To	

Have you ever attended any college? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_    Have you ever attended Century College? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Colleges, technical or other post secondary schools *	State	Town or City	Dates		Certificate, degree or diploma received
			From	To	

\* Please contact each college and request an official transcript be sent directly to the DARS/Transfer Office at Century College.

**Applicant Signature**

I hereby certify that the information provided on this application form and in all other admission application materials is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge.

<p>_____ Signature</p>	<p>_____ Date</p>
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**NOTICE**

Admission is granted without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin or handicap. This institution abides by the provisions of Title IX, federal legislation forbidding discrimination on the basis of sex and by all other federal laws regarding equal opportunity.

**Note:** Federal and state legislation requires that the contents of student files be open to review by the student. Application forms, high school transcripts, test date, letters, and recommendations that are sent as part of any application for admission will be open to the student's review upon request.

This document can be made available in alternative formats such as large print, Braille or audio tape, by calling 779-3300 voice/TTY.



DENTAL ASSISTANT WORK EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION FOR DENTAL HYGIENE APPLICATION

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ worked as a Chairside Dental Assistant
at \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ average # hours per week \_\_\_\_\_

(Supervising Dentist) PLEASE PRINT \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_
(Address) \_\_\_\_\_
(Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ average # hours per week \_\_\_\_\_

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