



WAYNE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DENTAL HYGIENE

Fall Semester 2026 Admission Policies and Procedures

This application packet can be accessed at:
<https://www.waynecc.edu/admissions/allied-health/>

This information supersedes all previously published information.

Apply September 2, 2025 – March 19, 2026 for earliest consideration.

Applications received after March 19, 2026 will be considered on a monthly basis. Applicants may apply for only one limited health occupations program per semester.

It is the policy of Wayne Community College that all persons have equal opportunity and access to its educational programs, services, activities, and facilities without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability or status as a veteran. WCC is an Affirmative Action institution. This material may be available in alternative formats.

Wayne Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate degrees. Degree-granting institutions also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Wayne Community College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).

The Commission on Colleges may be contacted only if there is evidence that Wayne Community College is significantly non-compliant with a requirement or standard. Accreditation standards are located at: <http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp>

The purpose for publishing the Commission's access and contact numbers is to enable interested constituents (1) to learn about the accreditation status of the institution, (2) to file a third-party comment at the time of the institution's decennial review, or (3) to file a complaint against the institution for alleged non-compliance with a standard or requirement.

Inquiries about Wayne Community College, such as admission requirements, financial aid, educational programs, etc. should be addressed directly to Wayne Community College and not the Commission's office.

Student Right-to-Know: Information regarding the persistence rate of enrolled students toward graduation and transfer-out-rate is available in the Office of Admissions and Records. Student rights under FERPA are available at ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html or in the Office of Admissions and Records and in the Office of Counseling Services.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed a program, and other important information, please visit our Web site at: waynecc.edu/gainful-employment/.

Wayne Community College is a tobacco-free institution.

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE DENTAL HYGIENE
FALL 2026 ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**INFORMATION IN THIS PACKET SUPERSEDES ALL PREVIOUSLY
PUBLISHED INFORMATION**

The following information is provided for applicants seeking admission to the Dental Hygiene program. We will begin accepting applications for the Dental Hygiene program starting **September 2, 2025**. Students interested in enrolling in the Dental Hygiene program for Fall Semester 2026 must submit a completed application, all transcripts and/or letters verifying non-attendance, and complete an official interview by **March 19, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.** for consideration at the first meeting of the Limited Admissions Committee.

Applicants completing all requirements after the March 19th deadline will be considered by the Limited Admissions Committee at subsequent meetings until the program is filled. *If you have questions or concerns, please call the Office of Student Development/Counseling Services at 919-735-5151, ext 6732 or the Office of Admissions and Records at ext. 6726.*

Please use the following checklist to ensure you complete the admissions requirements.

The applicant should complete and submit the following information to the Office of Admissions and Records:

- _____ 1. Completed application must be submitted to the Office of Admissions and Records along with the Letter of Understanding. **A faxed application and Letter of Understanding will not be accepted.**

All students must have a valid RCN to submit application. To verify your RCN please visit ncresidency.org. If you have any questions please contact the Office of Admissions and Records at ext. 6720.

Note: If you are planning to take the general education requirements for Dental Hygiene in a semester prior to Fall 2026, also submit a general application to the college for Associate in Arts to the Office of Admissions and Records.

Undocumented Immigrants

- Federal law prohibits states from granting professional licenses to undocumented immigrants.
- Undocumented immigrants shall not be considered a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes. Undocumented immigrants must be charged out-of-state tuition whether or not they reside in North Carolina.
- Students lawfully present in the United States shall have priority over any undocumented immigrant in any class or program of study when there are space limitations.

- _____ 2. Request that an official high school transcript or equivalent and **ALL** college transcripts be sent to the Office of Admissions and Records. These transcripts must be requested by you from your former schools, colleges and/or universities and must be received by WCC before the application deadline in order to complete your application. **(Note:** An official transcript is one that is sent by one school, college or university to another school. The official transcript has the school's seal and the appropriate signature. **A faxed copy is not considered to be an "official" transcript).** If you are enrolled in the Fall 2025 semester, you will need to send an updated transcript by the March 19th deadline. If you have any Advanced Placement (AP), CLEP or DANTES credit, you must request the scores to be sent directly from the testing company.

It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that all transcripts are up to date and on file in the Admissions Office by the published deadline. Failure to submit all transcripts to the Admissions Office by the published deadline will result in removal of the application from consideration or the applicant's dismissal from the program.

The National Student Clearinghouse is used to verify students' prior enrollment.

NOTE: Students with foreign transcripts must complete at least eight (8) semester hours of college credit (**not including pre-curriculum courses**) from an American regional accrediting agency. Of these eight (8) semester hours, there must be at least three (3) hours of life science, biology or chemistry. **No transfer credit will be accepted from institutions not accredited by an American regional accrediting agency.**

Anatomy and Physiology courses taken within the NC Community College System will transfer into Wayne Community College (WCC) as stated on the institution's transcript if the grade is "C" or better. Anatomy and Physiology courses taken outside the NC Community College System will transfer only if the student has taken both courses in their sequence.

3. A. Meet Math proficiency with one of the following:

- ☐ Have an unweighted **final***** high school GPA of 2.8 or higher within 10 years from the program start date (8/26)* (GED/HiSET/CCRG)
- ☐ Meet appropriate scores on placement test within 10 years from the program start date (8/26)* (ACT/SAT/NCDAP/NROC/Accuplacer/TEAS)
- ☐ Complete MAT 025 or MAT 035 with a "C" or better
- ☐ Complete a college level math class with a "C" or better**

*see a full list of acceptable scores on page 7

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***referral is made provisionally with midyear gpa

B. Meet English/Reading proficiency with one of the following:

- ☐ Have an unweighted **final**** high school GPA of 2.8 or higher within 10 years from the program start date (8/26)* (GED/HiSET/CCRG)
- ☐ Meet appropriate scores on placement test within 10 years from the program start date (8/26)* (ACT/SAT/NCDAP/NROC/Accuplacer/TEAS)
- ☐ Complete ENG 111 or equivalent with a "C" or better

*see a full list of acceptable scores on page 7

**referral is made provisionally with midyear gpa

Please plan ahead as Allied Health applicants are not permitted to take placement tests on the application deadline date.

For Readmits Only: Student test scores achieved and testing criteria required at initial admission will be sufficient for readmission if the candidate reapplies within five (5) years of initial acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program.

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3. 4. Students may choose to take the ACT or ATI TEAS test for consideration for admission to the associate degree nursing program. Registration information can be obtained online at www.act.org or by phone at 319-337-1270. ACT test scores must be within ten (10) years of the program start date of August 2026. ACT tests taken before August 2016 must be retaken for a program starting August 2026. ACT scores taken within the last ten (10) years from other institutions may be reported to Wayne Community College (College Code # 3171). **These scores must be sent directly from the ACT testing center to Wayne Community College or included on or with an official, sealed high school transcript. Copies, web scores, reproductions, or faxes will not be accepted. Official scores are ones sent by ACT or sent by one school, college, or university to another. Non-official scores will not be accepted. The Office of Admissions and Records must receive ACT scores before the Official interview deadline.** The ten (10) year limit is waived for applicants applying for readmission to the Associate Degree Nursing program.

Applicants should make an appointment to take the TEAS at Wayne Community College by signing up for a testing time with the placement testing center at Wayne Community College. Students who have already taken the TEAS may submit their scores if they tested in a testing center. Applicants can take the ATI TEAS test no more than two times in a 12-month period at least three months apart. The highest TEAS scores earned within a two-year period will be used for ranking. Scores older than two years of the program start date of August 2026 will not be used. TEAS tests taken before August 2024 must be retaken for a program starting August 2026.

- ☐ Applicants will be required to register online at <https://www.waynecc.edu/admissions/allied-health/>
- ☐ Picture ID and payment receipt must be presented at time of testing.

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5. (OPTIONAL) If you have prior dental experience or have graduated from a Commission on Dental Accreditation accredited Dental Assisting program, complete the Dental Experience Documentation form and submit it to the Office of Admissions and Records. This form must be filled out completely and signed by the dentist in order to have your dental experience considered. **A new experience form must be submitted each year you apply to the program.** (Completion of the dental experience form is optional).

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6. (MANDATORY) The final step in the process is to complete an application review of all previous steps. This must be done with a Career Pathways Specialist in the WLC Building for referral to the Limited Admissions Committee for the year of application.

It is your responsibility to make sure the final review happens prior to the application deadline. It is not necessary to schedule an appointment for the final review. Walk ins are accepted.

Please do not submit unsolicited information such as personal recommendations or references. These materials are not used in the application process.

When the admission process is completed, a letter will be sent to each applicant informing him/her of the decision of the Limited Admissions Committee.

IMPORTANT!! Applicants completing all requirements after the initial March 19, 2026 deadline will be considered by the Limited Admissions Committee at regularly scheduled meetings until the program is filled. Please be informed that in most cases the Dental Hygiene program is filled at the first meeting. However, qualified candidates may be accepted after the first meeting if positions in program or on the waiting list remain available.

Prior to new student registration for all first year dental hygiene students, the dental department **must** receive your completed **Student Medical Form** with documentation of the required immunizations and **proof that you have received your first Hepatitis-B immunization.** Entering students who have completed the Hepatitis-B immunization series must present a signed statement to that effect from the health care provider or agency providing the immunization. Student Medical Forms will be provided by Wayne Community College.

Dental Hygiene students must obtain current American Heart Association (AHA) – Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider certification prior to the first day of class. Must stay current while enrolled in classes. Note: AHA BLS certification must have included a “hands-on” skills demonstration component to be accepted.

Any candidate for admission to the Dental Hygiene program should be aware that if he/she has been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or gross immorality, the North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners, depending on the nature of the offense, may choose to deny the candidate licensure to practice Dental Hygiene according to Section 90-30 of the Dental Practice Act of the State of North Carolina.

***Acceptable Test Scores listed below:**

NC DAP

DRE 151
DMA 010 7
DMA 020 7
DMA 030 7
DMA 040 7
DMA 050 7

NROC

English Tier 2
Math Tier 2

SAT

Reading/Writing 480
Mathematics 530

ACT

Reading 22
English 18
Math 22

ACCUPLACER(NEXT GEN.)

Reading 253
Math: QRAS 254

GED 165

(all sections)

HiSET 15

Essay 4

CCRG/CCG

E2 and M2

TEAS

(all sections)

ELU 65
Reading 70
Math 65

**** Acceptable College Math Classes listed below:**

MATH 115, 121, 122, 140, 143, 151, 152, 161, 171, 172, 263, 271, 272, 273, 285

Math classes taken outside the NC Community College System, other than the courses listed above, will be evaluated on a case by case basis.



ALLIED HEALTH STUDENT ADMISSION REPORT

Wayne Community College
P.O. Box 8002 • Goldsboro, NC 27533-8002
919-735-5151 • waynecc.edu
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Student Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Maiden/Former

Datatel ID Number: _____

Allied Health program applying for:

- ☐ Associate Degree Nursing
☐ Deadline: March 4, 2026
- ☐ Licensed Practical Nursing
☐ Deadline: April 2, 2026
- ☐ Advanced Standing LPN to RN
☐ Deadline: November 6, 2025
- ☐ Dental Hygiene
☐ Deadline: March 19, 2026
- ☐ Dental Assisting
☐ Deadline: April 16, 2026
- ☐ Medical Assisting
☐ Deadline: June 11, 2026
- ☐ Medical Laboratory Technology
☐ Deadline: June 11, 2026
- ☐ Advanced Standing Medical Assisting
☐ Deadline: November 6, 2025
- ☐ Practical Nurses seeking Advanced Standing:
Schedule an interview with the Nursing Department Head to review additional requirements.
- ☐ Readmission *Pending space availability and meeting departmental criteria. Student will contact respective Department Head.
Name: _____ Number: 919-739- _____

Refer to Allied Health Admissions Department

☐ Yes ☐ No

Hold until further action:

- ☐ Missing Transcripts per Clearinghouse / personal disclosure
- ☐ Old / Incomplete / Missing / Low Test Scores
☐ Reading _____ ☐ English _____ ☐ Math _____ ☐ CIS 070 _____ ☐ ACT/SAT _____
- ☐ Missing / not completed chemistry class within ten years of program start date (Nursing only)
- ☐ Missing proper work-related experience documentation (DH / DA / Med Lab Tech / Med Assisting)

It is the student's responsibility to make sure all requirements are met by program deadline.

Counselor Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

WHITE - ADMISSIONS

PINK/YELLOW - STUDENT

Wayne Community College encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing accommodation or have questions about access, please contact the Disability Services Counselor at 919-739-6729. Please allow sufficient time to arrange accommodation.

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Readmission and/or Advanced Standing Policy Dental Department

The learning experiences in the dental programs require that courses be taught in a sequence that does not allow for courses to be offered more than one time per year. Students requesting readmission will not be able to re-enter until the semester the required course(s) is/are offered.

Admission will be awarded on a space available basis. Student numbers may not exceed 24 in dental assisting and 30 in dental hygiene. A student is allowed one (1) readmission.

When more candidates apply for readmission than spaces available, the applicants will be ranked as follows:

1. Student test scores achieved and testing criteria required at the initial admission will be sufficient for readmission if the candidate reapplies within Five (5) years of initial acceptance into the Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Program.
2. Dental Experience.
3. ACT score is required for Dental Hygiene applicants.

A student requesting readmission and /or advanced standing must:

1. Complete the admission process at least one full semester prior to the desired time of re-entry.
2. Follow a prescribed knowledge and skill development plan based on identified deficiencies and recommended by faculty members and department chair. The stipulations of the knowledge and skill development plan must be satisfied prior to registration for the semester of re-admission.
3. An Audit contract will be completed and signed by student, instructor and department chair.

The readmitted student must:

1. Submit an updated medical history, CPR certification, vaccine record and TB skin test.
2. Achieve a grade point average of at least 2.0 to be considered eligible for graduation.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

The following criteria are used to select members of the entering freshman Dental Hygiene class at Wayne Community College:

ACT or TEAS TEST SCORES:

The Office of Admissions and Records must receive the ACT or TEAS scores prior to the official interview deadline date of March 19, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Scores should be submitted to Wayne Community College directly from **ACT (College Code #3171 for ACT)**. Registration information can be obtained from ACT (telephone 319-337-1270 or online at www.act.org). ACT scores taken within the last ten (10) years from other institutions will be considered by the Limited Admissions Committee. ACT scores must be within ten (10) years of the program start date (8/26). ACT scores taken before August 2016 must be retaken for a program starting Fall 2026.

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RELATED COURSEWORK:

Points may be earned for completion of related courses: CHM 130 & 130A, BIO 163, and BIO 175. Total points are awarded for specific course grades completed by the deadline. Only courses completed by the deadline will be used for ranking. The highest earned grade for each course will be used to calculate total points.

DENTAL EXPERIENCE (Optional):

Work experience or volunteering in a dental office or laboratory in excess of 20 clock hours will be considered. The applicant must document this time on the Dental Experience Documentation form provided in the Dental Hygiene Policies and Procedures booklet. A new Dental Experience Documentation form must be completed each year a student applies to Dental Hygiene. Graduation from an American Dental Association accredited Dental Assisting program will be considered over 500 clock hours of dental experience by the Limited Admissions Committee.

**Wayne Community College
Dental Experience Documentation
Fall 2026**

1. Name of Applicant _____
2. Student ID # or Date of Birth: _____
3. Type of Dental Experience (Please check appropriate description.)
 - a. _____ Volunteer
 - b. _____ Work
 - c. _____ Graduate of ADA Accredited Dental Assisting program
4. Number of Hours of Experience (Please check appropriate description.)
 - a. _____ 20-100 hours work in dental office, dental laboratory or volunteer experience
 - b. _____ 101-500 hours work in dental office, dental laboratory or volunteer experience
 - c. _____ Over 500 hours work in dental office, dental laboratory or volunteer experience

OR

Graduation from an ADA accredited Dental Assisting program
5. Documentation by Dentist or Laboratory Owner
 - a. Dentist's Name _____
 - b. Address _____

 - c. Phone _____

I certify that the above information concerning the dental experience of this applicant is correct.

Signature of Dentist/Laboratory Owner _____

Date _____

License Number and State _____

DENTAL HYGIENE POINT COUNT TOOL

Enclosed in this package of information is the Admission Rating used by the Dental Department and the Limited Admissions Committee to select applicants to be admitted to the Dental Hygiene program.

This tool was developed as an objective means of evaluating applicants. Criteria used to select applicants for admission to the Wayne Community College Dental Hygiene program are: (Part 1) Admission Test Scores (ACT/TEAS), (Part 2) Related Course Work, and (Part 3) Dental Experience (Optional).

Your admission rating is confidential information. At no time will your admission rating be discussed with anyone other than an authorized official of Wayne Community College and then only when directly involved with the admissions process. When your application is completed, your total point count will be calculated. This point total will be used in the admissions process.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE OR THE DENTAL DEPARTMENT TO INQUIRE ABOUT YOUR POINT COUNT. There will be no discussion of point count totals by phone.

DENTAL HYGIENE TIE BREAKERS

1st consideration: ACT/TEAS English Score

2nd consideration: ACT/TEAS Reading Score

3rd consideration: Dental Experience (form must be included). In case of a tie, applicants with more points for dental experience will be ranked ahead of applicants with fewer points for dental experience.

4th consideration: ACT/TEAS Scientific Reasoning Score

5th consideration: Overall GPA

**WAYNE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DENTAL HYGIENE ADMISSION RATING**

Applicant Name: _____
Date Reviewed: _____

Student # _____
Reviewed By: _____

COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTS

SAT		ACT		NC DAP
Reading/Writing	480 _____	Reading	22 _____	DRE
Mathematics	530 _____	English	18 _____	151 _____
		Math	22 _____	

DMA		NROC		Accuplacer (Next Gen.)
010 _____	030 _____	English Tier 2	_____	Reading
020 _____	040 _____	Math Tier 2	_____	QRAS
				253 _____
				254 _____

GED 165 (all) _____	HiSET 15 _____	CCRG/CCG	MAT 025 _____
	Essay 4 _____	E2 _____	MAT 035 _____
		M2 _____	

TEAS

ELU 65 _____
Reading 70 _____
Math 65 _____

Completion of ENG 111 or college equivalent with 'C' or better _____
Completion of college level math class with "C" or better _____

GPA: _____ **Graduation Date:** _____

Part 1: ACT/TEAS Scores (Maximum of 70 points)

English (0-15) = 0	(16-19) = 20	(20-23) = 25	(24-36) = 30	Score _____	Points _____
Reading (0-15) = 0	(16-20) = 10	(21-24) = 15	(25-36) = 20	Score _____	Points _____
Math (0-15) = 0	(16-19) = 5	(20-23) = 7	(24-36) = 10	Score _____	Points _____
Science (0-17) = 0	(18-20) = 5	(21-23) = 7	(24-36) = 10	Score _____	Points _____

ACT Total _____

ELU (0-58.6) = 0	(58.7-67.99) = 20	(68-77.99) = 25	(78 or above) = 30	Score _____	Points _____
Reading (0-58.6) = 0	(58.7-67.99) = 10	(68-77.99) = 15	(78 or above) = 20	Score _____	Points _____
Math (0-58.6) = 0	(58.7-67.99) = 5	(68-77.99) = 7	(78 or above) = 10	Score _____	Points _____
Science (0-58.6) = 0	(58.7-67.99) = 5	(68-77.99) = 7	(78 or above) = 10	Score _____	Points _____

TEAS Total _____

Part 2: GRADE(S) FROM COMPLETED COLLEGE COURSE WORK (Maximum of 24 points)

Scale: A-, A, A+ (6 points) **B-, B, B+ (4 points)** **C, C+ (2 points)**

COURSE (or equivalent)	GRADE	POINTS
BIO 163	_____	_____
BIO 175	_____	_____
CHM 130	_____	_____
CHM 130A	_____	_____

Course Work Total _____

Part 3: DENTAL EXPERIENCE A new experience form must be submitted each year applicant applies to Dental Hygiene. **(Maximum of 3 points).**

20-100 hours work in dental office or laboratory **1 point**
101-500 hours work in dental office or laboratory **2 points**
> 500 hours work in dental office or laboratory **OR** graduation from ADA-accredited
Dental Assisting program **3 points**

Experience Total _____

Total Score (Maximum 97 points)

Total Points _____

DENTAL HYGIENE

Official Program Description registered with the N.C. Department of Community Colleges:

The Dental Hygiene curriculum provides individuals with the knowledge and skills to access, plan, implement, and evaluate dental hygiene care for the individual and the community.

Students will learn to prepare the operatory, take patient histories, note abnormalities, plan care, teach oral hygiene, clean teeth, take x-rays, apply preventive agents, complete necessary chart entries, and perform other procedures related to dental hygiene care.

Graduates of this program may be eligible to take national and state/regional examinations for licensure which are required to practice dental hygiene. Employment opportunities include dental offices, clinics, schools, public health agencies, industry, and professional education.

Individuals desiring a career in Dental Hygiene should take biology, algebra and chemistry prior to entering the program to be successful in the program.

Degree Awarded:

The Associate in Applied Science Degree – Dental Hygiene is awarded by the College upon completion of this program.

Program Accreditation:

The Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

Note:

Students must earn a grade of C or better in all curriculum courses in order to progress in the program.

In addition to tuition and textbooks, costs of this program include laboratory, activity, and technology fees, shoes, handpiece instruments, physician and dental examinations, immunizations, cost of licensure examination and other miscellaneous fees.

THE PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS OF THE WAYNE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

The philosophy of the Wayne Community College Dental Hygiene Program

The philosophy of the Wayne Community College Dental Hygiene program is to provide a strong academic and practical education in dental hygiene that will foster a desire to continue personal growth and maintain professional competence through life-long learning.

The goals of the Wayne Community College Dental Hygiene Program

1. To prepare the student to function as a member of the dental team and perform patient education, assessment and treatment functions as designated by the Dental Laws of North Carolina.
2. To prepare the student to pass the Dental Hygiene National Board Examination.
3. To prepare the student to pass a regional clinical exam and become licensed to practice dental hygiene.
4. To help meet the need for dental hygienists in North Carolina.

Student Success and Retention

Student retention and success are a priority at Wayne Community College. Obstacles to success may include the academic rigor of the program, extracurricular demands or dissatisfaction with your choice of this career path. Job shadowing should be strongly considered so that you are keenly aware of the professional responsibilities and duties associated with your career choice. Extracurricular demands such as full time work schedules may also need to be reduced in order to allow the necessary study time required to be successful. A good support system is also important if you are involved in other extracurricular demands such as providing care for children or elders.

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the Dental Hygiene program, the student will be able to:

Assess, plan, implement, and evaluate comprehensive dental hygiene care for individuals with differing levels of periodontal health.

Assess, plan, implement, and evaluate appropriate dental health prevention and/or educational services to diverse community groups.

Demonstrate professionalism with patients, faculty, peers, community organizations and dental associations.

PHYSICAL AND COGNITIVE EXPECTATIONS OF A STUDENT DENTAL HYGIENIST

Dental Hygiene (DH) is a practice discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective and psychomotor performance requirements. For the purposes of DH program compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disability Act, a qualified individual with a disability is one who with or without reasonable accommodation or modification, meets the eligibility requirements for participation in the DH program.

Admission to the DH program is not based on these standards. Rather, the standards should be used to assist each student in determining whether accommodations or modifications are necessary. Standards provide an objective measure upon which a student and the advisor base informed decisions regarding whether a student is “qualified” to meet the requirements. It is the responsibility of the applicant to read the technical standards carefully and to ask for clarification of any standard that is not understood.

If a student believes that he or she cannot meet one or more of the standards without accommodations or modifications, the dental faculty will determine on an individual basis, whether or not the necessary accommodations or modifications can be made in a reasonable manner. Both instructors and students must evaluate the standards continually throughout the program.

PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL STANDARDS

Dental Hygiene (DH) students should possess and be able to demonstrate the following:

- 1. Critical Thinking:** critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment. For example, student must be able to identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situation; collect and analyze clinical and radiographic data to aid in problem solving and participate in the development of dental treatment plans.
- 2. Interpersonal Skills:** interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, groups, etc., from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds. For example, student shall establish rapport with clients/patients and dental team members.
- 3. Communication Skills:** communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form. For example, explain treatment procedures, initiate preventative oral health teaching, document and interpret treatment rendered and patient/client responses.
- 4. Mobility:** physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces, stand and walk for extensive periods of time. For example, moving from room to room in a clinic and laboratory areas.
- 5. Motor Skills:** gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective care. For example, calibrate and use equipment, document care, position and move patients/clients, detection of calculus and other oral conditions and perform expanded function dental procedures as allowed by applicable laws.
- 6. Hearing:** auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs and communicate with patients and other members of the oral health care team.

7. **Visual:** visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in dental care. For example, observe patient/client responses, observe tissue color and consistency and visually detect stains and deposits.
8. **Tactile:** tactile ability sufficient for assessment. For example, perform functions of dental examination and/or those related to treatment procedures.
9. **Weight-Bearing:** ability to lift and manipulate/move 45-50 pounds daily. For example, position patients/clients and move equipment.
10. **Cognitive Abilities:** ability to be oriented to time, place and person; organize responsibilities and decisions. For example, student shall assess client/patient complaints and oral conditions, provide patient care and implement appropriate treatment plans.

EXAMPLES ARE NOT ALL INCLUSIVE

WAYNE COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE POLICY OF STUDENTS

Wayne Community College is committed to assuring that all necessary training and precautions are taken with regard to communicable diseases. The Biohazard Exposure Control Plan and the Pandemic Preparedness Plan of Wayne Community College reflect our efforts to ensure the good health and safety of all employees and students. The College adopts this communicable disease policy for students in an effort to control communicable diseases and the threat of pandemics on campus based upon established rules and regulations of the N.C. Division of Health Services. Employees and employees of contractors or contracted services infected with a communicable disease have the responsibility of reporting this fact to the Director of Human Resources. Students infected with a communicable disease have the responsibility of reporting this fact to the Associate Vice President of Academic and Student Services or the Vice President of Continuing Education, as appropriate.

Communicable disease is an illness resulting from an infectious agent or its toxic products being transmitted directly or indirectly to a person from an infected person or animal through the agency of an intermediate animal, host, or vector, or through the inanimate environment. [N.C.G.S. 130A-2(1c)] Communicable Disease shall include, but is not limited to: Chickenpox, influenza, Infectious Mononucleosis, Conjunctivitis, Hepatitis A, B & D, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), Aids-related complex (ARC), positive HIV antibody status, Influenza, Measles, Meningitis, Tuberculosis, Whooping Cough, and sexually transmitted diseases.(N.C.G.S. 130A)

Persons who are infected with a communicable disease are expected to seek expert medical advice and are encouraged to advise local health authorities. Local health authorities should offer counseling to these persons about measures that can be taken to prevent the spread of infection and to protect their own health.

Persons who know, or have a reasonable basis for believing, that they are infected with a communicable disease have an ethical and legal obligation to behave in accordance with such knowledge to protect themselves and others. Medical information relating to the communicable disease of a student or employee will be disclosed to responsible college officials only on a strictly limited need-to-know basis. No person, group, agency, insurer, employer, or institution should be provided any medical information without the prior specific written consent of a student unless required by state and/or federal law. Furthermore, all medical information relating to the communicable diseases of students and employees will be kept confidential, according to state and federal law, including the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

If a student reports a communicable disease condition, the student may be excluded from the institution until an appropriate evaluation of the student's medical condition can be made. The evaluation may be made by a physician or a health department official and testing may be required if appropriate. Students in any Allied Health program may have additional requirements, as specified in each program's student handbook; therefore, these students should report all suspected communicable diseases.

The final determination of student's ability to remain in school will be made by the Vice President or Associate Vice President based upon professional medical evaluation results and recommendations. If a student is found to have a communicable disease, then the attendance of the student on campus or at any College activity will be prohibited until a satisfactory letter or certificate is obtained from one or more licensed physicians or public health officials stating that the student is not a health risk to employees and other students at the College.

The College's Biohazard Control Plan defines guidelines that will be followed in the event of an accidental exposure to bodily fluids or biohazards. Any such exposure should be reported immediately to the responsible faculty or staff person associated with the WCC activity involving such exposure and to the Student Activities Coordinator and an incident report must be completed.

Reference: WCC General Catalog and Student Handbook 2025-2026, page 254-255
<https://waynecc.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2025-2026/general-catalog-and-student-handbook/student-handbook/communicable-disease-policy-for-students/>

**DENTAL HYGIENE
EFFECTIVE FALL 2023**

		<u>Contact Hours</u>	<u>Semester Credit Hours</u>
<u>FALL SEMESTER</u>			
DEN 120	Dental Hygiene Preclinical Lec	2	2
DEN 121	Dental Hygiene Preclinical Lab	6	2
DEN 110	Orofacial Anatomy	4	3
DEN 111	Infection/Hazard Control	2	2
DEN 112	Dental Radiography	5	3
CHM 130	General, Organic & Biochemistry	3	3
CHM 130A	General, Organic & Biochemistry Lab	3	1
ACA 111	College Student Success	1	1
DEN 125	Dental Emergencies	2	<u>1</u>
			18
<u>SPRING SEMESTER</u>			
DEN 123	Nutrition/Dental Health	2	2
DEN 124	Periodontology	2	2
DEN 130	Dental Hygiene Theory I	2	2
DEN 131	Dental Hygiene Clinic I	9	3
DEN 223	Dental Pharmacology	2	2
BIO 163	Basic Anatomy and Physiology	3	<u>5</u>
			16
<u>SUMMER TERM</u>			
DEN 140	Dental Hygiene Theory II	3	2
DEN 141	Dental Hygiene Clinic II	6	2
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3	<u>3</u>
			7
<u>FALL SEMESTER</u>			
DEN 220	Dental Hygiene Theory III	2	2
DEN 221	Dental Hygiene Clinic III	12	4
DEN 222	General and Oral Pathology	2	2
DEN 224	Materials and Procedures	4	2
BIO 175	General Microbiology	4	3
COM 231	Public Speaking	3	<u>3</u>
			16
<u>SPRING SEMESTER</u>			
DEN 230	Dental Hygiene Theory IV	1	1
DEN 231	Dental Hygiene Clinic IV	12	4
DEN 232	Community Dental Health	5	3
DEN 233	Professional Development	2	2
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective		3	3
SOC 240	Social Psychology	3	<u>3</u>
			16
Total Credit Hours			73

WCC Dental Hygiene Program Estimated Expense

1st Year

2nd Year

FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER	SUMMER TERM	FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
In-state Tuition/Fees Full-Time = 16+ Hours \$ 76.00/Sem. Hour \$ 35.00 Activity Fee \$ 48.00 Tech. Fee \$ 60.00 Lab Fee \$ 25.00 Dosimeter Fee \$1,384.00 * Out-of-state Tuition/Fees \$ 268.00/Sem. Hour \$ 35.00 Activity Fee \$ 48.00 Tech. Fee \$ 60.00 Lab Fee \$ 25.00 Dosimeter Fee \$ 4,456.00 * Books** \$ 600.00 Health/Medical Exam/ Immunizations*** \$ 270.00 Uniforms/Jackets \$ 250.00 Shoes \$ 100.00 Other requirements SADHA Dues \$100.00 Instruments \$1140.70 Safety glasses \$ 8.00 Utility gloves \$ 7.00 *Manual BP Cuff \$ 30.00 *Stethoscope \$ 30.00 Pins, Pencils, Mirror, Timer, Clipboard \$40.00 *Latex-free	In-state Tuition/Fees Full-Time = 16+ Hrs. \$ 76.00/Sem. Hour \$ 35.00 Activity Fee \$ 48.00 Tech. Fee \$ 60.00 Lab Fee \$ 25.00 Dosimeter Fee \$1,384.00 * Out-of-state Tuition/Fees \$ 268.00 /Sem. Hr. \$ 35.00 Activity Fee \$ 48.00 Tech. Fee \$ 60.00 Lab Fee \$ 25.00 Dosimeter Fee \$ 4,456.00 * Books** \$215.00 *Handpiece \$ 665.00	In-state Tuition/Fees Full-Time = 7 Hrs. \$ 76.00/Sem. Hour \$ 48.00 Tech. Fee \$ 580.00 * Out-of-state Tuition/Fees \$ 268.00/Sem. Hr. \$ 48.00 Tech. Fee \$ 1,924.00 * Books** \$100.00	In-state Tuition/Fees Full-Time = 16 Hours \$ 76.00/Sem. Hour \$ 35.00 Activity Fee \$ 48.00 Tech. Fee \$ 60.00 Lab Fee \$ 25.00 Dosimeter Fee \$1,384.00 * Out-of-state Tuition/Fees \$ 268.00 /Sem. Hr. \$ 35.00 Activity Fee \$ 48.00 Tech. Fee \$ 60.00 Lab Fee \$ 25.00 Dosimeter Fee \$ 4,456.00 * Books** \$ 150.00 Other requirements SADHA Dues \$ 80.00	In-state Tuition/Fees Full-Time = 16 Hours \$ 76.00/Sem. Hour \$ 35.00 Activity Fee \$ 48.00 Tech. Fee \$ 60.00 Lab Fee \$ 25.00 Dosimeter Fee \$1,384.00 * Out-of-state Tuition/Fees \$ 268.00/Sem. Hour \$ 35.00 Activity Fee \$ 48.00 Tech. Fee \$ 60.00 Lab Fee \$ 25.00 Dosimeter Fee \$ 4,456.00 * Books** \$ 130.00 Other requirements Board Examinations CDCA/WREB/CITA \$1915.00 Nationals \$ 565.00 NC License \$ 75.00 Live Scan Finger prints \$25.00
Total (in-state) \$ 3,959.70 Total (out-of-state) \$ 7,031.70	Total (in-state) \$ 2,264.00 Total (out-of-state) \$ 5,336.00	Total (in-state) \$ 680.00 Total (out-of-state) \$ 2,024.00	Total (in-state) \$ 1,614.00 Total (out-of-state) \$ 4,686.00	Total (in-state) \$ 4,094.00 Total (out-of-state) \$ 7,166.00

PLEASE NOTE: All prices may vary from year to year

* Tuition/Fees are subject to change.

** Cost of books is constantly changing. Costs vary according to number of courses taken each semester. Cost of books is based on a full course load.

*** Costs vary, depending on health care provider and insurance coverage.

**DENTAL HYGIENE
LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING**

NAME _____

Student ID# or DOB: _____

I affirm that all information submitted during the general and/or allied health application process(es) is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I affirm that I have read and understand the Dental Hygiene admission policies and procedures as stated by Wayne Community College in the Dental Hygiene Fall Semester 2026 Admission Policies and Procedures packet available online.

I understand that it is my responsibility as an applicant to submit all the necessary admission requirements prior to the deadline and that failure to comply with all application requirements will result in removal from consideration or dismissal from the program. Please refer to the application package for more detailed information.

I have read and I understand the Wayne Community College Dental Hygiene Program Technical Standards section within this packet.

I have disclosed all schools attended and have requested official transcripts from each be sent to Wayne Community College. I understand that omissions of any school attended is grounds for removal from consideration or dismissal from the program.

I understand that no exceptions to the policies and procedures will be granted.

INITIAL APPLICATION DEADLINE – **DENTAL HYGIENE**
March 19, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.

Applicants completing all requirements after the deadline will be considered by the Limited Admissions Committee at their next regularly scheduled monthly meeting until the program is filled.

After reading the above statement, please sign, date and return with your application.

Signature _____

Date _____

Note: Your application will not be processed without this signed statement.

Please be sure to inform the Office of Admissions and Records if your address or telephone number changes.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION/READMISSION



WAYNE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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It is the policy of Wayne Community College that all persons have equal opportunity and access to its educational programs, services, activities, and facilities without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability or status as a veteran. WCC is an Affirmative Action institution. This material may be available in alternative formats. Wayne Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, 404-679-4500, <http://www.sacscoc.org> for questions about the accreditation of Wayne Community College. Inquiries about Wayne Community College, such as admission requirements, financial aid, educational programs, etc. should be addressed directly to Wayne Community College and not the Commission's office. The Commission on Colleges may be contacted only if there is evidence that Wayne Community College is significantly non-compliant with a requirement or standard. Accreditation standards are located at: <http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp>. The purpose for publishing the Commission's address and contact numbers is to enable interested constituents (1) to learn about the accreditation status of the institution, (2) to file a third-party comment at the time of the institution's decennial review, or (3) to file a complaint against the institution for alleged non-compliance with a standard or requirement. Inquiries about Wayne Community College, such as admission requirements, financial aid, educational programs, etc. should be addressed directly to Wayne Community College and not the Commission's office. Student Right-to-Know: Information regarding the persistence rate of enrolled students toward graduation and transfer-out-rate is available in the Office of Admissions and Records. Student rights under FERPA are available at ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html or in the Office of Admissions and Records and in the Office of Counseling Services. For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed a program, and other important information, please visit our Web site at: waynecc.edu/gainful-employment/. Wayne Community College is a tobacco-free institution.



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RCN _____
RCVD _____

NOTICE TO APPLICANT: The information that you provide below will be placed in our master file. If any of this data changes, you must notify the Office of Admissions and Records immediately. Information on race and sex is requested for data gathering purposes only. Disclosure of social security number is voluntary and is used to verify the identity of an individual. Answer all questions completely and accurately. Use your legal name. Incomplete forms may delay your acceptance. Please print or type.

Last Name Jr./Sr./III		First	Middle	Former	
Address			City	State	Zip
County of legal residence		State of legal residence	Country of legal residence	WCC College ID Number (If Applicable)	
Home Telephone ()	Work Telephone ()	Cell Telephone ()		Social Security Number	
Birthdate	Birthplace	E-mail Address		Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female	

Ethnicity and Race - Hispanic or Latino ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, choose one or more: ☐ White ☐ Black or African American ☐ Asian ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native	Year and term entering 20 _____ ☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer I plan to attend ☐ Full-Time ☐ Part-Time	Enrolling as ☐ Freshman ☐ Transfer ☐ Returning WCC Student Last term registered at WCC _____ Name last enrolled under _____
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Long-term goal at WCC? (Select one) ☐ To obtain an Associate Degree, Diploma or Certificate ☐ To enhance job skills in present field of work ☐ To enhance employment skills for a new field of work ☐ To take courses to transfer to another college ☐ To take courses for personal enrichment or interest	Employment status while attending WCC (Select one) ☐ Retired ☐ Unemployed - not seeking employment ☐ Unemployed - seeking employment ☐ Employed 1-10 hours per week ☐ Employed 11-20 hours per week ☐ Employed 21-39 hours per week ☐ Employed 40 or more hours per week	Highest educational level completed (Select one) ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ High School Equivalency ☐ 13 Adult High School Diploma ☐ 14 Post High School Vocational ☐ 15 Associate Degree ☐ 16 Bachelor's Degree ☐ 17 Master's Degree or Higher
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U.S. Citizen ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, a) give country of citizenship _____ b) immigration status _____

Indicate if any of the following apply to you

☐ Retired Military ☐ Active Duty Military ☐ Dependent of Active Duty Military ☐ Department of Defense Employee

High school last attended _____ City _____ County _____ State _____

Graduation date or last date of attendance: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ ☐ Yes, I graduated ☐ No, I did not graduate

☐ I received an Adult High school Diploma ☐ I received the High School Equivalency ☐ I am currently enrolled in high school	School	City	State	Date received or anticipated
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IF YOU ARE APPLYING TO A CURRICULUM PROGRAM, PLEASE COMPLETE THE ITEMS BELOW.

INITIAL HERE _____

All transcripts (high school or equivalent and college) must be on file in the admissions office before an applicant is officially accepted to the Program.
Financial Aid and VA benefits will not be approved until all official transcripts are on file.

College attended	City	County	State	Date last attended

Curriculum to which you are applying _____
6-Digit Curriculum Code _____ INITIAL HERE _____

IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS NEEDED, THE APPLICANT WILL BE NOTIFIED.

I hereby certify that all information I have set forth herein is true to the best of my knowledge, pursuant to my reasonable inquiry where needed. I hereby acknowledge that the institution may divulge the contents of this application only as permitted under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 if I am, or have been, in attendance at this institution. I understand that work I complete and submit as a student may be used to assess college general education outcomes. Falsification of admissions documents resulting in incorrect information which could be used in consideration of admission to the college, admission to curriculum programs, or financial aid will result in removal of application from consideration or dismissal from the college/program.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of parent or guardian also, if applicant is under 18 years of age

Date