

Plus 4 Elective Units from the Courses Listed Below 4

Total 23

SELECT A MINIMUM OF 4 UNITS FROM THE COURSES LISTED BELOW

CHOREOGRAPHY OR PERFORMANCE ELECTIVES

DANC 120	Partnering for Dance	2
DANC 130A	Beginning Choreography	2
DANC 130B	Intermediate Choreography	2
DANC 133	Dance Production	2
DANC 134	Dance Performance	2
DANC 135	Dance Workshop	2
DANC 136	Dance Repertory	2
DANC 150	Rehearsal for Formal Dance Concerts	2
DANC 151	Rehearsal for Informal Dance Showcases	2

Other Elective Courses

DANC 50	Individualized Dance Development	1
DANC 107	Ballet Variations	2
DANC 108C	Dance, Modern, Advanced	2
DANC 109	Introduction to Dance Cultures of the World	2
DANC 112	Contemporary Modern Dance	2
DANC 121	Latin Social Dance	2
DANC 122	Middle Eastern Dance	2
DANC 123	African Dance	2
DANC 124	Introduction to Hip Hop Dance	2
DANC 125	Introduction to Ballroom Dance	2
DANC 126	Hip Hop Dance Trends	2
DANC 131	Dance Notation	3
DANC 132	Dance and Digital Technology	3
DANC 140	Beginning Jazz Dance	2
DANC 141	Intermediate Jazz Dance	2
DANC 142	Beginning Tap Dance	2
DANC 143	Intermediate Tap Dance	2
DANC 144	Dance for Musical Theatre	2
PEX 157	Pilates Conditioning for Dance	1

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Complete 60 units to include (1) the above required courses, (2) Complete the General Education requirements to achieve a minimum of 60 Units.

DENTAL ASSISTING

Curriculum leads to a Certificate of Achievement and eligibility to write both the California State Board Examination as a Registered Dental Assistant and the National Certifying Board Examination as a Certified Dental Assistant. Technical Standards/Essential Functions are available for your review on the program's website. They have been designed to give you more information about the profession and important skills/functions. This information will be helpful to assist you in deciding on your career path.

PROGRAM MISSION

The Dental Assisting Program integrates well into the educational philosophy, mission and vision of Cerritos College. The program promotes both students' clinical and academic excellence to prepare them to become competent dental professionals. The program collaborates with faculty, administration, and the advisory committee to produce successful and proficient dental assistants to meet the needs of the dentist, patient, and the community it serves

DANCE

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REQUIRED CORE:

DANC 100	Dance Appreciation	3	19 UNITS
DANC 101	History of Dance	3	
DANC 105	Introduction to Dance Movement	3	
DANC 106A	Beginning Ballet	2	
DANC 106B	Intermediate Ballet	2	
DANC 108A	Dance, Modern, Beginning	2	
DANC 108B	Dance, Modern, Intermediate	2	
DANC 110	Commercial Dance	2	

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PROGRAM GOALS

1. To provide a high caliber curriculum that adheres to the current dental healthcare standards and business office management procedures in the dental field.
2. To develop a sense of responsibility in graduates to practice within the laws and regulations of California and the ethical principles of the American Dental Practice Act and Dental Assisting Code of Ethics.
3. To create a faculty focus on student success through effective teaching practice in both didactic and clinical activities and to provide learning opportunities incorporating modern equipment based on professional trends, oral and written research project, self and peer clinical evaluation and various community projects.
4. To prepare the student for employment as a safe, competent, and regulation-compliant dental healthcare professional.
5. To graduate individuals with the academic knowledge and skills to qualify for and successfully pass both the National Board and State Board examinations.
6. To lay the foundation and allow graduates to continue to plan, attain, and evaluate their educational and career goals regardless of age, gender, cultural, socio-economic status, or ethnicity.
7. To develop effective written, verbal, and non-verbal communication skills for the benefit of patients, colleagues, and other members of the health care team.
8. To provide broad-based education that lays the groundwork for advancement into a variety of dental assisting careers.
9. To provide students the opportunities to develop competencies in the use of safety techniques, exposing, developing, and mounting radiographs.
10. To build in graduates a commitment to lifelong learning, a dedication to fulfillment of personal and professional potential, an a sense of dignity, value and personal worth.
11. To provide students with the following certificates upon satisfactory completion of relative course work:
 - a. California State Radiation License
 - b. Coronal Polish Certificate
 - c. Pit and Fissure Sealant Certificate
 - d. Infection Control Certificate
 - e. Dental Practice Act Certificate

LENGTH AND KIND OF PROGRAM

The program is three terms in length (Fall, Spring, and six-week Summer Session). General Education and Dental Assisting classes are scheduled on the college campus and clinical experiences in patient care are scheduled at selected dental schools and private dental offices.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Academic requirements
 - a. High school graduation or satisfactory scores on the General Education Development (GED) examination (given at most adult education centers).
 - b. A 2.0 grade point average in all high school and college courses. If high school GPA is less than 2.0, at least 12 units of college course work with a GPA of 2.0 or higher is required.
 - c. Completion of ENGL 20 or equivalent with a grade of "C" or higher, or a score on the English Assessment/Placement test sufficient for placement in ENGL 52 or higher.

APPLICATION & ADMISSION PROCEDURES

1. Applicants must submit to the Health Occupations Division the following items no later than May 15, unless noted otherwise:
 - a. Completed application signed by the applicant and returned by May 15.
 - b. High school (or equivalent) and college transcripts of all work completed. Unofficial transcripts can be submitted with application. Official transcripts must be submitted prior to the completion of the first semester of the program.
 - c. Cerritos College English Placement/Assessment test scores or indication by a counselor that English clearance has been met through equivalent courses or activities.
 - d. Applicants completing admission requirements during the spring session must submit a final grade to the Health Occupations Division before May 30.
 - e. Verification of typing/keyboarding (computer) high school course with a "B" or higher or college course with a "C" or higher. Alternative: applicants may demonstrate competence through testing proficiencies verifying typing skills at a speed of 45 wpm. This may be achieved concurrent with the program.
 - f. Verification of dental employment work experience (if applicable).
2. Applicants who meet the minimum admission requirements are assigned a number for admission by a randomized computer selection process.
3. Notification of admission to the program will be done by mail after May 30.
4. Admitted students and alternates will be required to attend a mandatory orientation meeting in July. During the orientation, information will be given regarding textbooks, uniforms, registration procedures, required Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), immunizations and a physical exam. Students must provide their own "patients" to meet the following required competencies: Radiology Full Mouth (6-7), Pit and Fissure Sealants (4), and Coronal Polish (3). Details will be discussed during orientation and may incur additional costs.

HEALTH

1. Physical exam and immunization records must be completed after acceptance into the program and returned prior to the first day of class. All costs are the responsibility of the student.
2. A valid Healthcare Provider Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification must be obtained after acceptance into the program and returned prior to the first day of class. It must be obtained through an American Heart Association Provider. The CPR card must be valid throughout the program. The cost to obtain the CPR card is the responsibility of the student.
3. Applicant must present evidence of physical fitness and ability to perform tasks required of a dental assistant. Employment in this field requires good vision, hearing, and the ability to communicate verbally, nonverbally, and through written word. Students must have the ability to comprehend, analyze, and evaluate patients' charts in order to provide appropriate treatment. Students must be able to record in the patients' charts and have manual dexterity to use small instruments to provide patient care. For further details see the Essential Functions section of the department's website at www.cerritos.edu/dental-assisting.
4. The essential requirements of a dental assistant are used in consideration of admission, retention and graduation from the Cerritos College program. Graduates are expected to be fully qualified to enter the profession as an Assistant. It is the responsibility of the student with disabilities to contact DSPS and

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- provide verification of the disability and resulting limitations. Students are responsible to make advance request for those accommodations that he or she feel are reasonable and needed to execute the essential requirements described above.
5. **Pregnancy Advisory:** all clinical affiliates require immunizations. All students must be immunized to participate in clinical education. Pregnancy may affect immunization and or other program requirements. If you are pregnant or planning on pregnancy (while enrolled) please consult with the Program Director. A statement from the student's healthcare provider noting the student may proceed through the program with "no limitations" will be required of all pregnant students.
 6. **Latex Advisory:** the use of latex/latex based products may exist in the healthcare universal precautions and in environments such as but not limited to the classroom, labs, and clinical sites. Individuals with latex allergies should seek expert advice from their healthcare provider so that they may receive information to make an informed decision regarding their exposure to latex in the health care field.
 7. **Immunization Advisory:** immunization is required in order to participate in clinical education. Individuals with allergies to required immunizations should seek expert advice from their healthcare provider so they may receive information to make an informed decision regarding their exposure to infectious diseases in the healthcare field. A statement from the student's healthcare provider noting the student may proceed through the program with "no limitations" will be required of all students declaring an immunization allergy.
 8. **Infection Control Guidelines:** Applicants are advised of the following Infection Control Guidelines as outlined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC): The prevention of cross contamination and transmission of infection to all persons, including: patients, Dental Health Care Professionals (DHCP), faculty, students, and non-clinical staff is the professional responsibility of all dental personnel. Cerritos College Dental Assisting program has adopted policies and procedures that represent a comprehensive and practical infection control program, based upon federal guidelines (Center for Disease Control). A fundamental principle of an effective infection control program is to exercise care, precautions and effective control techniques that can keep infectious microbes within manageable limits of the body's normal resistance to disease. Individuals at high risk of infectious diseases (HBV, HCV and HIV) among DHCP are those who perform tasks that might involve contact with blood, blood-contaminated body substances, other body fluids, or sharps, and should be vaccinated. Vaccination can protect both DHCP and patients from infectious diseases and whenever possible should be completed when DHCP are in training and before they have contact with blood. Compliance with these policies and procedures are an ethical obligation and responsibility of all participants in the delivery of care at Cerritos College. Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health Care Setting – 2003, 12/19/03 52(RR17); 1-61. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5217a1.htm>

EXPENSES

1. See Cerritos College Catalog for complete list of Cerritos College enrollment fees and out-of-state resident fees.
2. Students may expect to pay approximately \$2,500 for dental assisting project fees, uniforms, and books.
3. Students are responsible for their own living accommodations, including uniform laundry and transportation to extended campuses.

4. Physical exam, immunizations, and CPR card expenses are the student's responsibility.
5. Upon successful completion of program requirements, the student is eligible to take the State Board Registered Dental Assisting exam and the National Certified Dental Assisting exam (approximately \$850 - costs incurred by student).
6. Upon successful completion of all program requirements, the student will be eligible to receive and wear the Dental Assisting pin which is given at a graduation ceremony. The cost of the pin is incurred by the student.

ATTENDANCE, SCHOLARSHIP, PROMOTION

1. **Attendance:** Due to the nature of the Dental Assisting program all students are expected to observe the attendance requirements set by the Dental Assisting department at Cerritos College (see student handbook).
2. **Scholarship and Promotion:** Successful completion of all levels of course work is necessary for completion of and graduation from the program. Students are required to maintain a "C" or higher in each course in order to progress and complete the program. This is whether enrolled in combined lecture/lab courses or clinical experiences. When content is tiered, each level must be completed according to identified criteria. Upon successful completion of all program requirements, students are eligible to receive either the Certificate and/or Associate in Arts degree.

GUIDELINES FOR WITHDRAWAL, DISMISSAL, AND REINSTATEMENT

1. **Withdrawal**
 - a. Withdrawal ("W") may be initiated by either the student or the instructor. Dates for withdrawal without a grade are indicated in the Cerritos College Schedule of Classes.
 - b. When a student is failing clinically, he/she will be encouraged to withdraw from the course. If the clinical failure is related to unsafe clinical practice, and the student does not withdraw when advised to do so, the instructor shall drop the student from the course. A student who has withdrawn or been dropped from a course may not attend after the withdrawal date.
2. **Dismissal (Failure) - Criteria for dismissal from course or program may include:**
 - a. Final grade below "C" in required dental assisting course.
 - b. Failure to meet attendance requirements.
 - c. Behavior not consistent with Dental Assisting Code of Ethics and the department's "Code of Ethics and Responsibilities".
 - d. Failure to comply with established Cerritos College or Dental Assisting department regulations and policies.
 - e. Failure to meet stated objectives in the coursework.
 - f. Placing self or others in physical and/or emotional jeopardy.
 - g. In critical cases, such as unsafe clinical performance, dismissal may occur without prior warning or probation. This action requires the concurrence of the Dental Assisting Program Director, Instructional Dean of Health Occupations and/or Vice President of Academic Affairs.
3. **Reinstatement**
 - a. Students applying for readmission to the Dental Assisting Program after withdrawal or dismissal must write a letter requesting readmission, addressed to the Director of the Dental Assisting Program.

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- b. Following information must be included in the letter:
 - 1) Circumstances surrounding the withdrawal or dismissal
 - 2) Activities pursued in the interim that demonstrate improvement in the problem areas
 - 3) Reason for requesting readmission
 - 4) School term for which readmission is requested
- c. Students seeking readmission after one withdrawal/dismissal from the Cerritos College Dental Assisting Program/course will be reinstated contingent upon lab space availability in the priority order of date and time the readmission request is received in the Dental Assisting Department.
- d. Readmission request letters will be accepted only after letters from the program director have been mailed acknowledging student withdrawal or dismissal. These letters are mailed after the end of the school term in which the withdrawal occurred and are mailed at the same time to all students who did not successfully complete the term. All students requesting readmission will have equal opportunity to apply for space available.
- e. No student shall be reinstated after two withdrawals/dismissals from the Cerritos College Dental Assisting Program/course. A student who has acquired two withdrawals/dismissals shall have exceeded the repeat policy of the program and shall have no further chance of reentry.
- f. A student who withdraws from the program for personal reasons (e.g. pregnancy, illness, family crisis, financial difficulties, etc.) will be given additional consideration through faculty review, upon the student's request describing such reasons.

GRADUATION

1. Graduation Requirements:
 - a. Completion of all Dental Assisting course work with a grade of "C" or higher.
 - b. Verification of typing/computer proficiency.
 - c. Completion of ENGL 52, or equivalent, with a grade of a "C" or higher or satisfactory completion of the English Placement Process with eligibility for ENGL 100.
 - d. Students who successfully complete the Dental Assisting Program will receive the following:
 - 1) Infection Control and Dental Practice Act Certificate of Completion
 - 2) Oral Radiology Course Certificate of Completion
 - 3) Coronal Polish Certificate (part of the RDA program certificate)
 - 4) Pit and Fissure Sealant Certificate (part of the RDA program certificate)
 - 5) Dental Assisting Certificate of Achievement
 - 6) Eligibility to apply for the State RDA exam and National Certification (CDA) Exam
2. *Completion of the program does not guarantee licensure or employment. * The RDA license includes a written, practical, law & ethics written exam as well as a background check and fingerprinting. The practical examination is usually given in late August/September. The RDA written section, and the law & ethics exam is via computer at various computer testing sites. Coronal Polish, Pit and Fissure Sealants are duties that may only be performed with the RDA license. Students and graduates are responsible for understanding the ethical and legal ramifications of performing duties they are not

legally allowed to perform even after completing the required educational courses for all RDA duties. After graduation from the program you must have a current RDA license to perform any RDA duties.

All students completing the program will have met the requirements for the 8 hours infection control and 2 hours Dental Practice Act and may perform Dental Assisting duties as assigned by the Dental Board of California.

LICENSURE

The State of California Board of Dental Auxiliaries requires all applicants for the RDA Exam to:

1. Supply their U.S. Social Security Number
2. Complete a Livescan Fingerprint record
 - a. If the applicant has been convicted or plead guilty to any crime in the USA, its territories, military court or foreign country which includes a plea of no contest or any conviction that has been set aside or deferred pursuant to sections 1000 or 1203.4 of the Penal Code, including infractions, misdemeanors, and felonies must provide detail information regarding the conviction to complete the processing of the application and the State will determine if the individual does qualify to take the RDA exam.

DISCLAIMER

The program has made every reasonable effort to determine that everything stated in the catalog is accurate. Matters contained herein, are subject to change without notice by the administration of the department for reasons related to student enrollment, level of financial support or for any reason, at the discretion of the Program. The Program further reserves the right to add, amend or repeal any of the rules, regulations, policies and procedures, consistent with applicable law.

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CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

FIRST SEMESTER

	UNITS
DA 51 Applied Dental Science I	4
DA 52 Dental Radiography I	2
DA 53 Introduction to Chairside Assisting	3
DA 54 Introduction to Operatory Procedures	4
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SECOND SEMESTER

DA 61 Applied Dental Science II	3
DA 62 Dental Radiography II	2
DA 63 Advanced Chairside Assisting	4
DA 64 Dental Office Management	2
DA 65 Clinical I Dental Schools	3
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SUMMER SESSION

DA 75 Clinical II Cooperative Office Training	5
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TOTAL CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS	32

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

(May be taken prior to or following Certificate of Achievement)

Meet all the requirements as listed for the Certificate of Achievement in Dental Assisting. For an A.A. Degree, a student must also take electives and General Education to achieve a minimum of 60 units.

DENTAL HYGIENE

A registered dental hygienist is a preventive oral health professional licensed in dental hygiene who provides educational, clinical and therapeutic services supporting total health through the promotion of optimal oral health.

The Dental Hygiene Program is a two-year degree program and includes one summer session. Upon completion of the program, graduating students will receive an Associate in Arts Degree in Dental Hygiene and will qualify to take the National and State Board Dental Hygiene Examinations. Successful passage of the examinations qualifies the graduate to practice dental hygiene in the State of California.

A career in dental hygiene offers multiple opportunities in a variety of settings. A registered dental hygienist may work in such practice settings as: private dental offices and dental clinics; federal, state and local health departments or associated institutions; hospitals and nursing homes; school districts or departments of education; educational programs for dental, dental hygiene and dental assisting students; private business/industry; correctional facilities; private and public centers for pediatric, geriatric and other individuals/groups with special needs; or health maintenance organizations. Technical Standards/Essential Functions are available for you review on the program's website. They have been designed to give you more information about the profession and important skills/functions. This information will be helpful to assist you in deciding on your career path.

Applicants desiring employment in this field are required to have good vision and the ability to communicate orally. In addition, they must have the capacity to comprehend, analyze, evaluate and record in patients' charts, and have the dexterity to use small dental instruments to provide dental hygiene care.

GOALS AND PROGRAM COMPETENCIES

The philosophy of the Associate Degree Dental Hygiene Program was developed to reflect the philosophy of Cerritos College.

The Dental Hygiene Department believes the program should provide opportunities for the student to reach her/his greatest potential in the profession of dental hygiene so she/he may achieve a sense of dignity, value, and personal worth in the community and in the world of work regardless of age, gender, or ethnicity.

The goals of the dental hygiene program are as follows:

- I. To graduate an individual who is competent in providing preventive, educational, and therapeutic dental health services.
 - A. Graduates must be competent in providing dental hygiene care for the child, adolescent, adult, geriatric, and medically compromised patient.
 - B. Graduates must be competent in providing the dental hygiene process of care which includes assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation.
 - C. Graduates must be competent in providing dental hygiene care for all types of periodontal disease including patients who exhibit moderate to severe periodontal disease.
 - D. Graduates must be competent in providing appropriate life support measure for medical emergencies that may be encountered in dental hygiene practice.
- II. To instill within the student a philosophical appreciation of ethical and moral values suited to the laws of the community as outlined by the American Dental Hygienist's Association and the American Dental Association.
 - A. Graduates must be competent in applying ethical, legal, and regulatory concepts to the provision and/or support of oral health care services.

- III. To encourage the student to develop professional behavior that is founded in evidence-based decision making, self-directed learning, and self-assessment to enhance professional competence.
 - A. Graduates must be competent in the application of self-assessment skills to prepare them for life-long learning.
 - B. Graduates must be competent in the evaluation of current scientific literature.
 - C. Graduates must be competent in problem solving strategies related to comprehensive patient care and management of patients.
- IV. To graduate an individual who is competent in providing health education programs to the community supporting total health through the promotion of optimal oral health.
 - A. Graduates must be competent in interpersonal and communication skills to effectively interact with diverse population groups.
 - B. Graduates must be competent in assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating community-based oral health programs including health promotion and disease prevention activities.
- V. To promote patient satisfaction of the dental hygiene care provided by the student clinician.

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

I. PREREQUISITES

- A. CHEM 100, A&P 200, A&P 201, (or A&P 150 and A&P 151), HO 152 and MICR 200 or equivalent with grades of Pass or "C" or higher.
- B. The acceptance of college work previously completed is at the discretion of Cerritos College and the Dental Hygiene Department. Factors such as elapsed time since the course was completed and grades will be used in determining whether a previously completed course can be accepted towards fulfillment of the graduation requirement. Five years is usually considered maximum elapsed time.
- C. Graduates of foreign dental and dental hygiene programs will not be given priority. Recency of course work still applies.
- D. In an attempt to increase eligibility by repeating a prerequisite course to obtain a higher grade, the Dental Hygiene Department will allow any prerequisite course to be repeated a maximum of ONE time, and will accept the higher of the two grades earned.
- E. A valid CPR certification including health care provider cardiopulmonary resuscitation with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is required prior to enrolling in Dental Hygiene program courses and must be kept current. CPR courses approved by the Dental Hygiene Committee of California are given through the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross.

II. REQUIRED TESTS AND INFORMATION

- A. Cerritos College Assessment Tests Battery
Receive satisfactory scores on the Cerritos College Assessment/Placement Tests or achieve clearance by taking the appropriate college courses. A 12th grade reading level is required for admission into the program. Students must have clearance for ENGL 100, MATH 80, and READ 54 or equivalent.
- B. Preliminary Transcript Evaluation
It is the student's responsibility to make an appointment with the Counseling Department at Cerritos College to verify equivalent prerequisites and other courses required in the program. The Preliminary Transcript Evaluation must be filled out and signed

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by a Cerritos College counselor and then submitted to the Health Occupations Division Office along with your Dental Hygiene application. To complete this procedure, the student must have a official copies of all transcripts from previously attended colleges and documentation of courses in progress.

C. Application forms

If not presently enrolled in courses at Cerritos College, apply for admission to the college at the Admissions and Records Office in the Administration building or apply online at www.cerritos.edu. You will be assigned a student number which you will need to make an appointment with a Dental Hygiene counselor or to attend an application workshop.

D. Work Experience

For every related work experience listed, a Verification of Dental Employment form must be completed and mailed to the Health Occupations Division Office. Additional forms are available upon request in the Health Occupations Division Office or online at www.cerritos.edu (dental hygiene). Letters of recommendation are not considered.

III. SELECTION PROCEDURES

A. Academic evaluation

1. All required documents, including Dental Hygiene application, preliminary transcript evaluation, verification of dental employment forms, copy of RDA or RDAEF License, ALL official college transcripts, and work-in-progress must be in our possession in the Health Occupations Division Office, by April 1 (of the year of application). It is the applicants responsibility to verify all information has been received by the deadline.
2. Points will be earned for the following criteria:
 - a. Grade Point Average in prerequisites
 - b. Number of units completed up to 60 semester units
 - c. Overall Grade Point Average for all college courses
 - d. Additional science courses with a grade of "B" or higher
 - e. Related dental work experience
3. Selection will be based upon academic evaluation and data obtained from the application forms. Candidates will be notified of their application status by mail during the month of May.

B. Health Forms

Physical examinations, immunization, TB testing and background checks are required prior to patient care and taking the licensure examinations. Health and immunization forms will be issued to those applicants who are accepted in the program. Dental health professionals may be exposed to contagious diseases therefore strict compliance with CDC and OSHA standards are maintained. Policies on bloodborne and infectious diseases are available upon request from the Dental Hygiene Department or can be found on the Dental Hygiene website.

IV. EXPENSES

- A. See Cerritos College catalog for enrollment and out-of-state resident fees.
- B. The student may expect to spend approximately \$12,000 for books and instruments, equipment, uniforms, immunizations, and miscellaneous fees. Students are strongly encouraged to join the Student American Dental Hygienists' Association (SADHA) (\$65.00 annually). Fees are subject to change.
- C. Students are responsible for their own living arrangements, uniform, laundry, and transportation to clinical agencies.

V. SCHOLARSHIP, ATTENDANCE, PROMOTION, GRADUATION

Scholarship and Promotion: Successful completion of all levels of course work is necessary for completion of and graduation from the program of study. In order to complete the program, he student must maintain a grade of "C" or higher whether enrolled in combined lecture/lab courses, practicums, or clinical experiences. When content is tiered, each level must be completed according to identified criteria.

Upon successful completion of all program requirements, students are eligible to receive an Associate in Arts degree.

A. Attendance

All students are required to observe the attendance requirements of the college. Due to the nature of the Dental Hygiene program it is expected that student will attend all classes.

B. Scholarship and Promotion

Students are required to maintain a grade of "C" or higher in each dental hygiene and dental education course in order to progress in the program. Courses are designed to prepare the student to successfully complete program competencies. Grade requirements of the college are to be met for all other courses.

C. Graduation

Petition for graduation will be permitted if the student meets both the College and the Dental Hygiene program requirements for graduation. Upon completion of the program the graduate will be qualified to take the Dental Hygiene National Board and a Regional Board Examination.

VI. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

- A. Clinical placements are a mandatory component of the curriculum and may require clearance of a criminal background check. Students who do not clear agency requirements are not eligible for clinical placement and will, consequently, be ineligible to continue in the program. If there is any concern regarding clearance of a criminal background check, please contact the Health Occupations Division for additional information.
- B. Applicants for examination of licensure in the State of California must be fingerprinted and report information related to illegal use of controlled substances, infectious or contagious diseases and any convictions or pleas of no contender even if charges are dismissed. In addition, the application requires specific information related to convictions, misdemeanor or felony, associated with state or federal action. If there is any concern that may prevent licensure after graduation, direct inquiries to the, Dental Hygiene Committee of California, 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1050, Sacramento, CA 95815 prior to applying to the program.

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Please note, the Dental Hygiene Program requires the student to take as many as seven courses during any one semester. Consequently, commitment to a rigorous study schedule is imperative.



DENTAL HYGIENE

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

FIRST YEAR	UNITS
First Semester	
DH 110 Preventive Dentistry I	2
DH 111 Infection Control and Dental Office Emergencies	2
DH 112 Dental Hygiene Radiography	2
DH 114 Dental Hygiene Clinical Sciences I	2
DH 115C Pre-Clinical Dental Hygiene I	2
DH 116 Head and Neck Anatomy	2
DH 119 Dental Embryology, Histology and Anatomy	2
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TOTAL UNITS	14
Second Semester	
DH 120 Preventive Dentistry II	2
DH 125 Dental Hygiene Clinical Sciences II	2
DH 125C Clinical Dental Hygiene II	3
DH 126 General and Oral Pathology	2
DH 127 Pharmacology	2
DH 128 Management of Pain	2
DH 129 Applied Periodontics	2
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TOTAL UNITS	15
Summer Session	
DH 150C Clinical Dental Hygiene IIA	1
SECOND YEAR	
First Semester	
DH 232L Dental Materials Laboratory	1
DH 234 Dental Care for the Special Patient	2
DH 235 Dental Hygiene Clinical Sciences III	2
DH 235C Clinical Dental Hygiene III	4
DH 238 Community Outreach I	1
DH 239 Introduction to Dental Biostatistics and Research	2
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TOTAL UNITS	12
Second Semester	
DH 244 Ethical Issues in Dental Hygiene	2
DH 245 Dental Hygiene Clinical Sciences IV	2
DH 245C Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	4
DH 248 Community Outreach II	1
DH 249 Principles of Community Oral Health	2
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TOTAL UNITS	11
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TOTAL ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS	53

The following requirements also must be completed to qualify for the A.A. Degree:

General Introductory Psychology (PSYC 101)

Freshman Composition (ENGL 100)

Speech (SPCH 100, 120, 130, 132, 150 or 235)

American Political Institutions (POL 101 or 201) OR

History (HIST 101, 102 or 103)

Introductory Sociology Principles (SOC 101, 201, 210, 215, PHIL 104,

ANTH 100 or 101)

*Humanities or Fine Arts (3 units)

*See Cerritos College General Education requirements for the appropriate lists of courses acceptable for meeting the Humanities and Fine Arts Requirements.