



Dental Hygiene Program

Fall 2021

Application Deadline: March 26, 2021

The Century College Dental Hygiene Program serves dental assistants currently licensed in Minnesota who wish to continue their education in the field of dental hygiene. The program provides learning experiences to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to provide culturally competent dental hygiene services to individuals and in the community health setting. In addition to attaining clinical skills, students will develop as ethical and socially responsible oral healthcare providers, equipped to meet the needs of increasingly diverse patients and communities. After the successful completion of two years and one summer at Century College and fulfillment of the requirements for licensure as established by the State Board of Dentistry, the student will be prepared to work as a dental hygienist and/or continue in the educational setting to earn a bachelor's degree through articulation agreements with other colleges in Minnesota.

Earning your Bachelors Degree while completing your Dental Hygiene AAS. We have a Baccalaureate degree completion pathway through a "dual enrollment" opportunity with Metropolitan State University for those who are interested. Partnering with Metropolitan State, we offer the AAS/BSDH dual admission program with simultaneous admission to Century College's Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Dental Hygiene and Metropolitan State University's Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) program. Through this unique partnership, students have the opportunity to take specific bachelor's level degree completion courses along with associate program courses on Century's campus. For those who desire to obtain a BSDH degree this opportunity provides flexibility for educational and career planning and an avenue for completing a BSDH degree within one or two semesters after completing the AAS degree. If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Program Director, Tracy Kuny at tracy.kuny@century.edu.

The Dental Hygiene program begins once per year, in the Fall Semester. There are 12 students admitted to the program each fall. Courses are scheduled during weekday mornings and afternoons (starting as early as 8:00 am and ending as late as 5:00 pm).

To be considered for the program, applicants must have completed the minimum academic requirements by the deadline.

Applications for the Dental Hygiene Program will be accepted through March 26, 2021 deadline. The College reserves the right to extend the application deadline to April 16, 2021 should the class not fill with the first deadline.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Dental Assistant Requirement:

- Graduation from an accredited Dental Assistant program.
- Students must currently be a Minnesota Licensed Dental Assistant. Please upload a copy of your Minnesota dental assistant license showing both original issue date and expiration date. Upload this as an attachment in the on-line application. Failure to provide proper documentation will result in your application being denied.
- Applicants who have at least 1040 hours (equal to approximately six months full-time work) Licensed Dental Assistant (LDA) experience in the past three (3) years by the application deadline will receive priority consideration during the selection process. Applicants who have fewer than the recommended 1040 hours of work experience will be considered if there are not enough applicants with the minimum work experience. On the application please write the name of all employers from the past 3 years and the number of hours worked at each of those employers and upload a work experience verification form for each of the employers you listed.

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: Placement into MATH 0070 is a prerequisite for CHEM 1020; Placement into MATH 1061 is a prerequisite for CHEM 1041)

- Human Anatomy & Physiology (Century BIOL 2031 & 2032 – 8 sem cr. or BIOL 2040 & 2045 –8 sem cr) (PLEASE NOTE: Biology 1020 or 1041 and Chemistry 1020 or 1041 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, Physical Education 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 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 course placement options in reading comprehension, writing, and math as required for registration in science prerequisite courses.

See <https://www.century.edu/admissions/next-steps/testing-center> for placement options.

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 deadline will receive priority consideration.
- Applicants who are Licensed Dental Assistants with 1040 hours or more will receive priority consideration in the selection process. Applicants who have fewer than the recommended 1040 hours of work experience will be considered if there are not enough applicants with the minimum work experience.
- 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 day of the first dental hygiene class.
- Applicants on the alternate list will not be automatically 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 through March 26, 2021. All applicants must have an active Century College general admission application on file in the past 365 days or be registered for classes at Century College within the past 365 days. There is a \$20 non-refundable, one-time application fee required for general admission to the college.

Pre-application education requirements: At the time of application, applicants must have completed all the academic requirements listed previously as “Admission Requirements”. Applicants with required courses in-progress will only be considered if we are unable to fill the class.

Transcripts: Request official transcripts from high school/GED and all college courses and technical school work previously completed, including where your Dental Assistant degree was completed and any courses in progress. Transcripts must be sent directly from the previous institution to the address below:

High School/GED:

Century College
Admissions Office
3300 Century Ave N White
Bear Lake, MN 55110
(if using Parchment
service send to
Admissions@century.edu)

College/University/Technical College:

Century College
Transfer Student Services Office
3300 Century Ave N
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
(if using Parchment service send to
Admissions@century.edu)

Students who have attended a MnSCU College or University will have their transcripts retrieved electronically. You must be in good financial and academic standing at all previous colleges/universities attended to be eligible for admission to the college and the program.

International transcripts must be evaluated by World Education Services to be petitioned for use; contact info@wes.org for more information or visit www.wes.org

HUMAN SERVICES BACKGROUND STUDY:

Minnesota Law requires any individual having contact with patients to complete a human services background study prior to starting the clinical experience. Results of the study are to be on file in the Dental Hygiene Program before students begin their clinical experiences. Any student who does not pass the background study will not be permitted to participate in clinical experiences. Therefore, the individual is ineligible to progress in the Dental Hygiene Program.

If you have been arrested, charged, or convicted of any criminal offence, you should investigate the impact the arrest, charge or conviction may have on your chances of employment in the field before completing the application to the program.

To find more information about the Minnesota Department of Human Services Background Study, please go to the DHS website at www.DHS.state.mn.us, select General Public, Office of Inspector General, Background Studies.

POLICY INFORMATION:

A copy of the program's policy on hazardous materials, bloodborne and infectious diseases is available upon request or by visiting <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/bloodbornepathogens/index.html>

DATA PRIVACY NOTICE:

The college is asking you to provide information that includes private and/or confidential information under state and federal law. You are not legally required to provide the information the college is requesting; however, the college may not be able to effectively process your application 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:

48 Credits

DENH 1021	Head and Neck Anatomy	2 cr
DENH 1024	Dental Embryology, Histology and Anatomy	3 cr
DENH 1030	Radiology for the Dental Hygienist	2 cr
DENH 1040	Dental Hygiene Principles I	3 cr
DENH 1045	Dental Hygiene Practice I	4 cr
DENH 1050	Periodontology	2 cr
DENH 1060	Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist	2 cr
DENH 1070	Applied Biochemical Nutrition for the Dental Hygienist	1 cr
DENH 1080	Dental Hygiene Principles II	3 cr
DENH 1085	Dental Hygiene Practice II	3 cr
DENH 2005	Pain Management	2 cr
DENH 2010	Dental Hygiene Principles III	3 cr
DENH 2015	Dental Hygiene Practice III	5 cr
DENH 2020	General and Oral Pathology	3 cr
DENH 2030	Community Dental Health and Epidemiology	2 cr
DENH 2035	Community Dental Health Practice	1 cr
DENH 2040	Legal Aspects of Dental Practice	1 cr
DENH 2060	Dental Hygiene Seminar	1 cr
DENH 2065	Dental Hygiene Practice V	5 cr

Optional Courses

DENH 2790	Independent Study	1- 3 cr
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General Education/MnTC Requirements:

20 Credits

Goal 1 – Communication:

7 credits

ENGL 1021	Composition I	4 cr
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Select **one** of the following Communication courses

COMM 1021	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 cr
COMM 1031	Interpersonal Communication	3 cr
COMM 1041	Small Group Communication	3 cr
COMM 1051	Intercultural Communication	3 cr

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

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

15 credits

This goal has been met by the Program Application Requirements

Goal 5 – History/Social and Behavioral Sciences:

6 credits

Psychology elective	3-4 cr
Sociology elective	3-4 cr

Goal 6 – Humanities and Fine Arts:

3 credits

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