Dental Hygiene is an Associate in Applied Science degree program accredited by the American Dental Association. The program is designed to prepare students for career opportunities as a licensed dental hygienist who, working under the direction of a licensed dentist, assist in providing oral health assessment, disease prevention and health promotion. Dental Hygienists clean teeth and examine head/neck and oral areas for signs of disease. Hygienists also educate patients about oral hygiene, take radiographs and apply fluoride and sealants. They are vital members of the dental health team. The Dental Hygiene program at the College of Lake County prepares students to develop the competencies needed to present extensive, preventive oral health care services to the community. The CLC Dental Hygiene program has been granted accreditation status by the American Dental Association.

Salary Range & Job Outlook

Employers:
- Dental offices
- Dental supply companies
- Schools
- Hospitals
- Public health organizations
- Nursing homes

Testimonials
“Dental hygiene can be one of the most rewarding careers. The profession gives you a flexible schedule and a competitive salary. More important, you can grow personally and professionally while playing a primary role in preventive dental health.”
—Janeta Nikolova, 2015 graduate

“Based on the overall testing success rate of our graduates, they are extremely well-prepared to enter private practice with skills and self-confidence that are groomed in CLC dental hygiene program. Watching a freshman enter the program, and later transition from a student to a colleague, is amazing.”—Thomas Allegretti, D.D.S., clinical instructor in CLC’s dental hygiene program

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Because the number of students that can be admitted to the CLC Dental Hygiene program is limited, a screening procedure is used to select the academically best qualified from those who request consideration. Preference is given to residents of CLC’s district, or a community college district which does not offer a Dental Hygiene program and is a member of the CAREER consortium. Students who live outside of CLC’s district but are eligible for in-district tuition because they are employed by a district employer are NOT considered residents of the district for purposes of selection into the program. Attendance at a Program Information Session is required to apply to the program and to learn other specifics of the application process.

Students may not screen while taking a prerequisite course. All prerequisites must be completed with a C or better grade prior to the screening deadline in order to be considered for admission.

SCREENING DEADLINE: FIRST WEDNESDAY IN FEBRUARY

All materials for screening must be submitted to the Admissions and Recruitment Office at the CLC Grayslake campus by the close of business on the screening deadline day. Materials submitted after the deadline will not be accepted for screening.

If students who screen are not granted admission, they must rescreen and satisfy all screening and curriculum requirements in place for a future program start.

STUDENTS MUST HAVE SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO THE WELCOME AND ONE-STOP CENTER:

A. Student Information Form

B. Official high school transcript with graduation date OR Official GED test scores OR Official college transcripts with graduation date and degree awarded OR Official foreign high school or college transcript evaluated by a NACES approved agency

C. Dental Hygiene Program Request for Screening Form

D. If using courses from another college to meet prerequisites or degree requirements, submit an official transcript and a “Request for Evaluation of Prior College Transcripts” form to the Office of Registrar and Records.

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MINIMUM SELECTION CRITERIA: STUDENT RECORDS MUST INDICATE THE FOLLOWING:

A. College Reading and Writing Readiness and Basic Algebra Readiness. A complete list of how to meet these requirements is available at:

   https://www.clcillinois.edu/admission/become-a-student/steps/basic-proficiencies

B. CLC Cumulative GPA is 2.0 or above

C. BIO 123 or BIO 161 or an equivalent (C or better)

D. CHM 120 or CHM 121 or an equivalent course (C or better)

E. BIO 244 or an equivalent course (C or better)

F. NLN PAX with minimum acceptable RN percentile rank scores of 30 in the verbal, math and science sections, and a composite percentile of 40 (within 3 years prior to the screening deadline)

G. Must be eighteen (18) years of age by the first day of the summer session following the screening deadline

H. Attendance at a Dental Hygiene Program Information Session (within 2 years of the screening deadline). Meetings are conducted on the First Wednesday of each month (except January, June, and August) at the Lakeshore campus. Meetings are from 12-1:00 pm in Room N135. Registration is not necessary. A complete list of meetings is on the Dental Hygiene web page:

   https://www.clcillinois.edu/programs/dhy

If BIO 244 AND BIO 246 (or equivalent) are completed at another accredited college with a grade of “C” or better, BIO 123 will not be required.

Applicants may take the NLN PAX exam once every 90 days. NLN PAX exam results that are less than 90 days between exams will not be considered. Scores used for screening into the dental hygiene program will be valid for only 3 years prior to a screening deadline. Scores older than 3 years will not be considered for screening. Visit www.nlnonlinetesting.org for available test dates and times or visit the Dental Hygiene webpage at www.clcillinois.edu/programs/dhy. Instructions for registering for the test are available on the webpage.

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Students who have completed any of the following courses (or an equivalent) must have obtained a grade of “C” or better. These courses are not prerequisites, but program requirements. They may be taken prior to acceptance into the program.

- BIO 245 Anatomy and Physiology II must be completed before the first fall semester of the program.
- BIO 246 Microbiology must be completed before the first spring semester of the program. If this course is taken during the first fall semester of the program, it must be taken as an evening class.
- ENG 121 English Composition I must be completed before the first fall semester in the program.

Note: A student must earn a minimum grade of “C” in each Dental Hygiene course to continue in and graduate from the program. All course prerequisites must be met.

REQUIRED GENERAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK

CMM 111 Communication Skills or CMM 121 Fundamentals of Speech or CMM 123 Dynamics of Small Group Discussion or CMM 128 Interviewing Practices

ENG 121 English Composition I

PSY 121 Introduction to Psychology

SOC 121 Introduction to Sociology

Humanities or Fine Arts Elective

Go to the College of Lake County Dental Hygiene Program website at https://www.clcillinois.edu/programs/dhy for links to many resources, including the following:
Career Information
Program Options
Getting Started Information
Testimonials
Faculty/Academic Advisors
Dental Hygiene Clinic
Dental Hygiene Program Video
Course Descriptions
Dental Hygiene Information Session Schedule
NLN Entrance Exam Registration Instructions, Schedule and Preparation Resources
Dental Hygiene Program Minimum Selection Criteria
CLC Application and Placement Process
Dental Hygiene Screening Form
Blood-Borne Pathogen Policy

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A variety of financial assistance is available in the form of grants, loans and scholarships. Students should see a financial aid counselor regarding their individual needs and eligibility.

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