Dental Hygiene

What It's About:
Clean teeth and examine oral areas, head and neck for signs of oral disease. May educate patients on oral hygiene, take and develop X-rays or apply fluoride or sealants.

Typical Job: Dental Hygienist
Salary Range: $34,900 - $81,960

Job Outlook: Employment of dental hygienists is expected to grow much faster than average for all occupations through 2014, ranking among the fastest growing occupations.

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

Career Information is based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Chicago area.

Professional Perspectives:
"The training at CLC is invaluable for a dental hygiene student. The class is ideal for both a wide variety of patients with varying health issues. The staff has the background and training to help prepare the students for the real world of oral health care."

"The level of classroom and clinical training at CLC is outstanding and ranks among the best I have seen in my 20 years of dentistry."

- Dr. Larry N. Williams
  Captain, Dental Corps, U.S. Navy

"I appreciate the quality of the education at CLC and its newly designed clinic. The environment is fresh and provides a comprehensive learning environment."

- Cathy Caseen
  Lake County Dental Hygienist and member of the CLC Dental Hygiene clinical staff

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The information in this document is not a contractual agreement, but to provide information on program requirements. The applicant is responsible for the knowledge of and compliance with all information, procedures, and guidelines contained herein. Applicants must satisfy ALL screening requirements and criteria in effect for the semester for which they are screening. Requirements are subject to change. Dental Hygiene Program classes are only available at the Lakeshore Campus.

Screening deadlines:
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. Screening Deadlines are the First Wednesdays in February of each year. Materials submitted after the deadline will not be accepted for screening.

Students who complete the CLC Dental Hygiene Program are not guaranteed the right to work upon graduation. It is the student’s responsibility to determine work requirements of the state in which they wish to work. Employers will require that prospective employees prove that they are legally eligible to work. The College is not responsible for the time, cost and effort expended by students who complete a program of study but are ineligible for employment upon graduation.

Steps to Getting Started

Submit a Student Information Form to the college (there is no charge to apply to the college)
- If you are a new student, this should be your first step
- Applications are available at any of the campus locations OR the “Apply and Enroll” link: http://www.clcillinois.edu/admission/become-a-student/new

Meet the College Reading and Writing Readiness and Basic Algebra Readiness requirements
- A complete list of how to meet the requirements is available at: http://www.clcillinois.edu/admission/become-a-student/steps/prereqs
- If you have specific questions contact Academic Advising (847-543-2067) or the Counseling Center (847-543-2060)

Attend a Dental Hygiene Program Information Session
- 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. For a complete list of meetings go to the Dental Hygiene web page: http://www.clcillinois.edu/programs-and-classes/academic-divisions/biodv/info-sessions

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Submit “Official” transcripts to CLC Office of Admissions and Recruitment

- Submit official (in a sealed envelope) high school transcripts OR official GED results to the Admissions and Recruitment Office. GED scores must be requested even if completed at CLC. Final high school transcripts must have the graduation date posted and be from the last high school attended.
- Submit official (in a sealed envelope) college transcripts for all colleges attended to the Admission and Recruitment office. If a degree was completed, college transcripts must have the degree awarded and the date of the awarding. If college courses were completed but no degree was awarded, transcripts can still be reviewed for any transferable courses.
- In order for college transcripts to be evaluated, a Request for Evaluation form needs to be completed and submitted. The form is linked on the Dental Hygiene web page: http://www.clcillinois.edu/programs/dhy
- Allow four to six (4-6) weeks for an evaluation to be completed.
- International high school transcripts must be evaluated by a NACES approved agency. A list of providers can be found at www.naces.org.
- International college transcripts must be evaluated by an approved evaluator; the evaluation must be a Catalog Match evaluation; the following companies offer catalog match evaluation services:
  Educational Perspectives, nfp (http://www.edperspective.org/)
  International Academic Credential Evaluators, Inc (http://www.iacei.net/)
- All transcripts must be received in the Admissions and Recruitment office by the screening deadline to be considered for screening purposes.

In order to be eligible for admission to the Dental Hygiene program all documents must be in the Admissions and Recruitment Office located at the Welcome & One stop Center by the screening deadline of the first Wednesday in February.

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

All students with incomplete files or documents that do not meet the minimum criteria will not be considered for screening.
Dental Hygiene Screening Requirements

1. Attend an Information Session for Dental Hygiene
2. Chemistry: CHM 120 or CHM 121 with a grade of “C” or better at CLC or an equivalent course from another college
3. Biology: BIO 123 or BIO 161 with a grade of “C” or better at CLC or an equivalent course from another college (BIO 121 is also accepted)
4. Biology: BIO 244 (Anatomy & Physiology I) with a grade of “C” or better or an equivalent course from another college.
5. NLN RN-Exam (PAX) with the minimum acceptable percentile scores.
   Applicants must satisfy each of the following minimum percentile scores to be considered for admission:
   - Composite: 40%
   - Verbal: 30%
   - Math: 30%
   - Science: 30%

Screening Procedures

☐ Complete a Student Information Form to the college and receive a student ID number.
☐ Demonstrate College Reading and Writing Readiness and Basic Algebra Readiness
☐ Provide OFFICIAL copies of all relevant transcripts (high school and/or other colleges, or GED) to the Admissions and Recruitment office.
☐ If applicable, complete a credit evaluation form for college transcripts and submit the form to Admissions and Recruitment.
☐ Attend the General information meeting for Dental Hygiene - valid for 2 years from the date of the meeting to the date of screening.
☐ Complete the NLN PAX exam and have the exam results on file in the Admissions and Recruitment Office - valid for 3 years from the date of the exam to the date of screening. Exam scores must meet the minimum acceptable percentile of 30th percentile in each test component (verbal, math, science) AND a composite at or above the 40th percentile.
☐ Complete the prerequisite courses (BIO 123, BIO 244, CHM 120) with a grade of “C” or better
☐ A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above for any credit courses completed at CLC.
☐ File a “Request for Screening” form with the Admissions and Recruitment Office at the CLC Grayslake Campus; the form is available at: http://dept.clcillinois.edu/adr/DHY_Screeningform.pdf

Scores from an NLN PAX test completed more than three (3) years prior to the screening deadline will not be accepted. **There must be a minimum of 90 days between test dates.** PAX registration is online. Go to the Dental Hygiene web page to view the registration procedure, the test dates and test registration deadlines: http://www.clcillinois.edu/programs/dhy

*All students are responsible for meeting the screening requirements for the dental hygiene program. Up to date information for screening requirements is available on the Dental Hygiene web* http://www.clcillinois.edu/programs/dhy

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Program Admission

1. All transcripts, NLN test scores and the screening request forms are on file in the Admissions and Recruitment Office by the screening deadline.
2. In-District qualified candidates are ranked by the NLN composite percentile score.
3. Proceeding from the highest ranked score, students will be offered a seat until all seats are filled.

Residency Status

- Students who meet the minimum requirements for the program will be selected based upon residency.
- All qualified In-District residents will receive priority for admission. In-district residency is defined as someone who resides in the College of Lake County district (532) for reason other than to attend the college; College of Lake County has a reciprocal agreement with McHenry County College and residents of both districts are given priority for admission. (MUST demonstrate legal residence of Lake County or McHenry County and ability to work in the US)
- Working in the district does not constitute residency for limited enrollment program selection.
- Residency is determined by the Admissions and Recruitment Office.

Academic Standing

- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for entrance and continued progression in the dental hygiene program.
- All science courses from CLC or other colleges require a minimum grade of “C” or better to qualify.

General Education Requirements

- PSY 121
- SOC 121
- CMM 111, 121, 123, or 128
- Humanities or Fine Arts Elective

Additional Required Coursework

- ENG 121 -- Must be completed before the first fall semester in the program.
- BIO 245 A&P 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.
Additional Dental Hygiene Program Information

- All correspondence regarding acceptance to the Dental Hygiene program will be mailed and/or emailed to your postal and email addresses on record at CLC. It is the student’s responsibility to insure that the address information in the Admissions and Recruitment Office is correct.
- **It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that all requirements are met and all documentation is on file in the Admissions and Recruitment Office by the screening deadline.**
- Math 102 is a prerequisite for BIO 123 and CHM 120. The Math requirement can be met by completing Math 102, scoring 26 or greater on the College Math Placement Test or a Math ACT of 22 or greater.
- Qualified students not selected will be placed on a temporary wait list. Once the new dental hygiene student orientation takes place, the wait list is dissolved. Students must reapply by submitting a new screening request form to the Admissions and Recruitment office. NLN scores and the General Information meeting must be within the accepted time frame.
- During the screening process, if there are multiple qualified students with the same NLN composite percentile score a lottery system will be used to establish seating order among the equally qualified students.
- The Dental Hygiene program screens students into the program every fall semester. Seats are limited to 24 students each fall.

There is a significant time commitment once enrolled in the Dental Hygiene courses. Dental Hygiene courses include classroom lecture, skills labs, and clinicals at the Dental Hygiene Clinic facility. Dental Hygiene is a 2 year, year-round, full time Monday through Friday program. No evening classes are available for the Dental Hygiene courses. Please make sure that you are prepared to make this commitment when you enter the dental hygiene program.

**Estimated Expenses**

- Variable tuition is in effect for the healthcare programs at CLC. Students will pay $50 more per credit hour for the all DHY courses.
- Estimated cost of tuition and fees (based on in-district) for the 2017-2018 academic year is $188.00 per credit hour for dental hygiene courses.
- Estimated cost of textbooks is $1950.00
- Estimated cost of uniforms is $200.00
- Estimated cost of instrument kit and loupes is $3100.00
- Estimated cost of board review seminar (optional, but highly recommended) is $450.00
- Estimated cost of national and clinical board exams is $1400.00
Financial Aid

- A wide 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. The Lakeshore Campus Financial Aid office is located in Room N-209 (847) 543-2367.
- All student loans must be repaid according to the terms of the loan. Students are responsible for this financial obligation. Default on a loan could adversely affect licensure eligibility.
- Because the cost of books and supplies for the Dental Hygiene program is higher than what is budgeted for other students at the College of Lake County, the Financial Aid Office is able to increase the budget for books and supplies for one semester for loan purposes only.
- Grants and scholarship aid cannot be increased based upon the increased cost of attendance for Dental Hygiene students, but Federal Stafford Loan eligibility can be increased to help defray the increased book and supply costs. The total of all forms of aid, including Federal and State grants, scholarships, and Federal Stafford Loans cannot be higher than the cost of attendance for a semester for any student, per Federal guidelines.
- If you are interested in applying for a Federal Stafford Loan and you feel that you would like to receive additional loan funds, you must inform the Financial Aid Office in writing that you are a dental hygiene student so that your budget of expenditures can be increased to reflect the additional costs of the program.

Services for Students with Disabilities

The College of Lake County provides information, guidance and support to students with disabilities through a variety of services as well as state–of –the-art equipment. Services are provided after meeting with a trained staff member from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Students must complete a request for services form prior to accommodations being offered. The OSD office can be contacted at 847-543-2055.

College of Lake County Resources

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THE COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY AFFIRMS AND ADHERES TO A POLICY OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN ALL ASPECTS OF EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

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COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
BLOOD BORNE PATHOGEN POLICY

College of Lake County Dental Hygiene Program faculty, staff, and students have the obligation to maintain standards of health care and professionalism that are consistent with the public’s expectations of the health professions.

1. All personnel are ethically obligated to provide patient care with compassion and demonstrate respect for human dignity.

2. No personnel may ethically refuse to treat a patient solely because the patient is at risk of contracting, or has, an infectious disease such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), or Hepatitis B infection. These patients may not be subjected to discrimination.

3. Personnel are ethically obligated to respect the rights of privacy and confidentiality of patients with infectious diseases.

4. College of Lake County will protect the privacy and confidentiality of any personnel who test positive for an infectious disease. Personnel who pose a risk of transmitting an infectious agent must consult with appropriate health care professionals to determine whether continuing to provide professional services represents a material risk to the patient. If a faculty member learns that continuing to provide professional health services represents a material risk to patients that person should so inform the Dean of the Biological and Health Sciences Division. The dean will take steps consistent with the advice of health care professionals and with current federal, state, and/or local guidelines to ensure that such individuals not engage in any professional activity that would create a risk of transmission.

5. The Dean of the Biological and Health Sciences Division, along with the faculty, has established and enforced written preclinical, clinical, and laboratory protocols to ensure adequate asepsis, infection and hazard control, and hazardous waste disposal. These protocols are consistent with current federal, state, and/or local guidelines, and have been provided to all faculty, students, and support staff. The protocol is complete including the availability and use of gloves, masks, and protective eye wear by faculty, students, and patients in both the preclinical and clinical settings. The protocols are reviewed annually by faculty to insure accuracy and compliance.

6. The Dean of the Biological and Health Sciences Division requires personnel to abide by current immunization standards set by clinical agencies. College of Lake County requires prematriculation and annual testing for tuberculosis of all health profession students. Hepatitis B vaccine and appropriate vaccine follow-up to all employees, such as faculty and staff, will be provided. In accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, all students in Dental Hygiene will:
   (1) Demonstrate proof of immunity to Hepatitis B, or
   (2) Be immunized against the Hepatitis B virus as part of their preparation for clinical training.

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