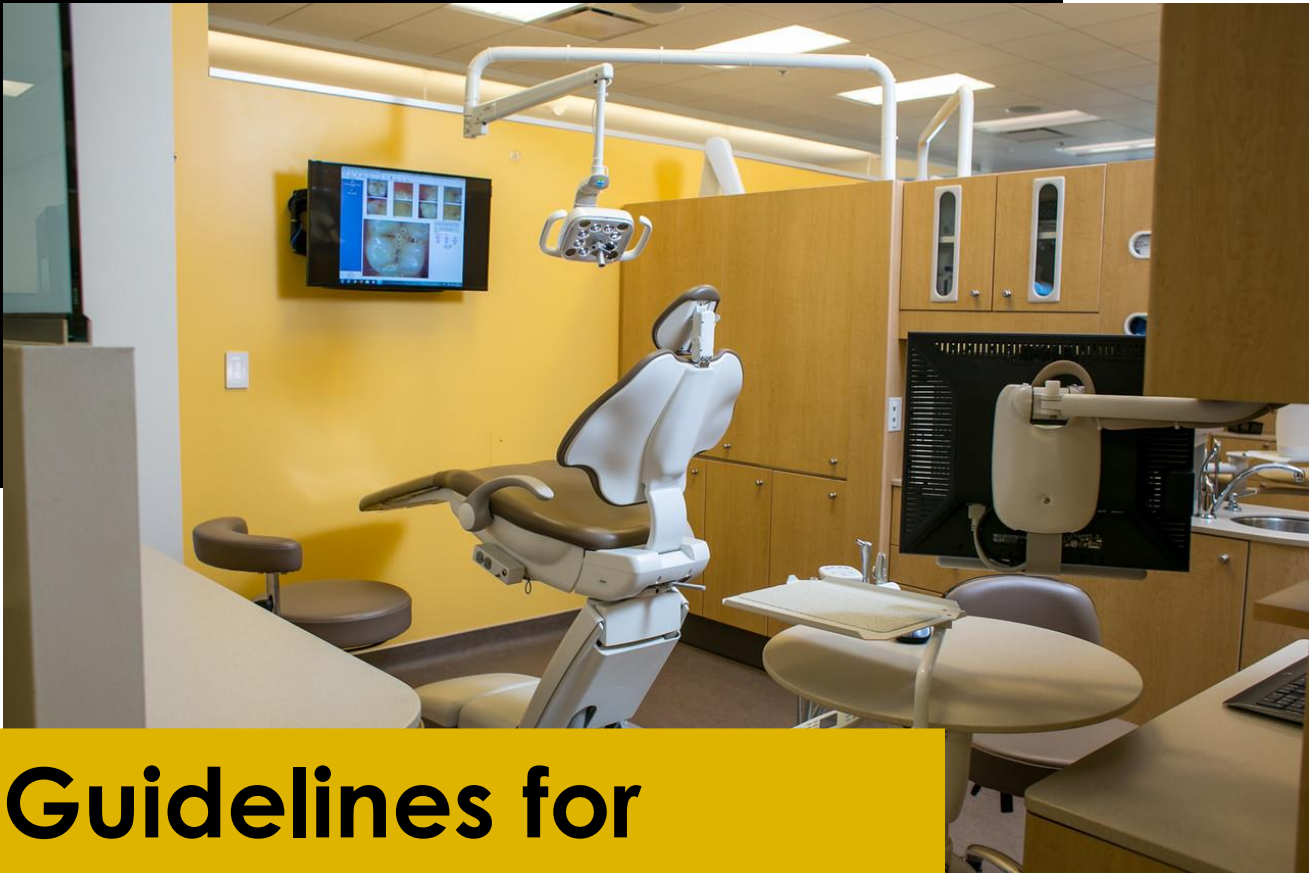


Applications are accepted
ONLINE ONLY, beginning
December 1, 2023.



Guidelines for Admission

Application period:
Dec 1, 2023 to Feb 15, 2024

AAS Dental Hygiene Program

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NATURE OF THE OCCUPATION

Dental Hygienist

Dental hygienists are licensed oral health professionals who focus on preventing and treating oral diseases, both to protect teeth and gums, and also to protect overall health. They are graduates of accredited dental hygiene education programs in colleges and universities, and must take written and clinical exams before they are allowed to practice. In addition to treating patients directly, dental hygienists also work as educators, researchers and administrators. Dental hygienists are considered an integral part of the dental team providing education and preventive services to ensure delivery of long-term oral health.

Curriculum

The TJC AAS Dental Hygiene curriculum leads to an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Dental Hygiene and begins in the summer long session of each year. Enrollment is limited to accepted applicants. The application process is outlined in this document. The AAS dental hygiene curriculum at TJC holds full accreditation from the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Whether the individual's interest is working in a general or specialized dental office, dental clinic, public health, schools or research, the program provides the student with the basics for furthering his or her professional and educational needs.

Education and Training

The dental hygiene facility is located in the Robert M. Rogers Nursing & Health Sciences Center. The state-of-the-art facilities and highly skilled faculty provide learning experiences that go above and beyond expectations. Graduates of this program are considered among the highest qualified for employment.

If you have a passion for the dental profession and are interested in serving the oral health needs of your community, we can help you put those aspirations to work.

Employment Outlook

Salaries, benefits and job opportunities for licensed dental hygienists vary according to experience and geographic location. In 2021, the full-time annual, median salary in Texas was \$75,970, and job openings were projected to increase 11 % by the year 2030, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



Individuals who are involved in the provision of dental services may be exposed to blood borne pathogens that may result in human disease.

Dental Studies Infection Control Policies & Procedures

QUALITIES AND SKILLS NECESSARY TO BE A SUCCESSFUL DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENT

In addition to the academic admission requirements for students entering the Dental Hygiene Program, the following **qualities and skills** are also expected of all students with or without accommodations:

Students must have...

- Problem solving skills to obtain, interpret and document information. Students must demonstrate intellectual, conceptual and critical thinking skills in order to assess, analyze, reason and synthesize data for the purpose of making sound conclusions and clinical decisions.
- Effective oral and written communication skills in order to accurately transmit information to patients, colleagues, and other healthcare workers.
- Strong English reading, writing and speaking skills.
- Gross and fine motor skills sufficient to lift and operate equipment and to provide safe and effective dental hygiene care.
- Interpersonal skills for the interacting with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, economic and ethnic backgrounds.
- Physical mobility necessary to move from place to place in small spaces.
- Full range of motion; manual and finger dexterity.
- Physical endurance that enables them to stay on task for a prolonged period while sitting, standing, or moving.
- Visual and perceptual abilities sufficient for observation of patients, oral conditions, and assessment. Students must have the ability to discriminate between subtle changes in oral conditions, clinically and radiographically.
- High degree of hand-eye coordination.
- Auditory ability and other sensory skills sufficient to monitor and assess the health needs and determine the oral conditions of patients, as well as maintain patient safety.
- Tactile sensitivity sufficient for the use of detection, light pressure and control when using small instruments in the oral cavity.

Students must...

- Demonstrate professional attitudes and behaviors.
- Be able to use reasonable judgment under stressful conditions that impact patient care.
- Be able to work independently as a member of a team to maintain the highest standards in relation to quality care.
- Be able to present a professional appearance, maintain personal health and be emotionally stable.
- Be able to demonstrate effective time management and patient management.
- Be able to multitask, prioritize, comprehend, and follow instructions, and comply with a variety of clinical and professional rules and regulations related to safe clinical practice.



PROGRAM COSTS

College Tuition and Fees

Check out the TJC website for a tuition and fees calculator.

<https://tjcreources.net/tjc-cost-calculator/>

Additional Supply and Equipment Costs

Each semester, decisions are made to determine the number and type of supplies necessary for student success. Hence, the cost varies from one



semester to the next. In an attempt to prepare students for the costs that can be expected, an estimated cost list will be provided at the 1st Student Orientation. Currently the costs of the program supplies and equipment are roughly estimated at \$4000 each

year, totaling approximately \$8000. These supply and equipment costs include the cost of scrubs, central supplies, individual supplies, individual instruments and equipment, and the cost of licensure exams, BUT DO NOT include the cost of tuition and college fees, textbooks (class resources), room, board, or any living expenses.

DEGREE PLAN

Tyler Junior College
Dental Hygiene Associate of Applied Science
Degree Plan

<i>Courses in this section MUST be completed before applying</i>		
CHEM 1406	Fundamentals of Chemistry OR 1405 Intro to Chemistry	4
BIOL 2401	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 2402	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL 2420	Microbiology for Non-Science Majors	4
<i>Courses in this section SHOULD be completed before applying</i>		
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	3
*ARTS 1301	Art Appreciation	3
PSYC 2301	Intro to Psychology OR PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Dev	3
SPCH 1315	Public Speaking OR SPCH 1321 Business & Professional Speaking	3
Prerequisite Totals		31
<i>Bonus Courses in this section SHOULD be completed before applying (to earn points)</i>		
HITT 1305	Medical Terminology	3
HPRS 1201	Intro to Health Professions	2
		5
These 5 credits are not included in the total hours for the degree.		
<i>DHYG Courses to be taken AFTER acceptance in program.</i>		
1st Year Summer Semester		
DHYG 1201	Orofacial Anatomy, Histology & Embryology	2
1st Year Summer Semester Totals		2
1st Year Fall		
DHYG 1207	General and Dental Nutrition	2
DHYG 1304	Dental Radiology	3
DHYG 1431	Preclinical Dental Hygiene	4
DHYG 1103	Preventive Dental Hygiene I	1
1st Year Fall Semester Totals		10
1st Year Spring		
DHYG 1339	General and Oral Pathology	3
DHYG 1215	Community Dentistry	2
DHYG 2201	Dental Hygiene Care I	2
DHYG 1260	Clinical Dental Hygiene	2
DHYG 2133	Preventive Dental Hygiene II	1
1st Year Spring Semester Totals		10
2nd Year Fall		
DHYG 1211	Periodontology	2
DHYG 1235	Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist	2
DHYG 2231	Dental Hygiene Care II	2
DHYG 2360	Clinical Dental Hygiene	3
2nd Year Fall Semester Totals		9
2nd Year Spring		
DHYG 1219	Dental Materials	2
DHYG 2153	Dental Hygiene Practice	1
DHYG 2362	Clinical Dental Hygiene	3
2nd Year Semester Totals		6
Program Totals		68

*A list of Creative Art/Language, Philosophy, and Culture course offerings can be found in the TJC Catalog or in Degree Works.

ADMISSION PROCESS - FULLY ONLINE

Minimum Requirements

- 4 pre-requisites science courses completed with a C or better
- Completion of HESI A2 Exam with a minimum score of 75% in reading and math
- Cumulative 2.5 GPA (minimum)
- Observe a dental hygienist for a minimum of 12 hours

Summary of Steps to Apply

Applications accepted online ONLY

- Complete Pre-Requisite Courses
- Apply for general admission to TJC
- Submit official college transcripts to registrar's office (if necessary)
- Request evaluation of transcripts (if necessary)
- Download Pre-Admission Observation hours form and take to dental offices for completion. (form available online) - must be renewed each year
- Take HESI exam (1 re-take is allowed and recommend)
- Download and complete AAS Worksheet (points calculation)
- Download and complete Dental Hygiene Associate Degree Program Application (form available online)
- Download and complete the Verification of Good Standing Form (available online) ONLY if you were previously enrolled in a Nursing and/or Health Science program that you did NOT complete.
 - Note: If the completed Verification of Good Standing Form indicates that you are not eligible to continue in the program OR you are not eligible to reapply for admission to the program, you will be ineligible to apply to the TJC Dental Hygiene Program. However, if your previous enrollment occurred 5 or more years prior, you may submit a letter of appeal to the Department Chair, stating the reasons your application should be considered by the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee.
- Review and submit required forms through the online submission process.



8 Detailed Steps to Apply

1. Complete Prerequisite Courses

Grades in your prerequisite courses are very important. Striving toward high grades is strongly recommended to be a competitive applicant.

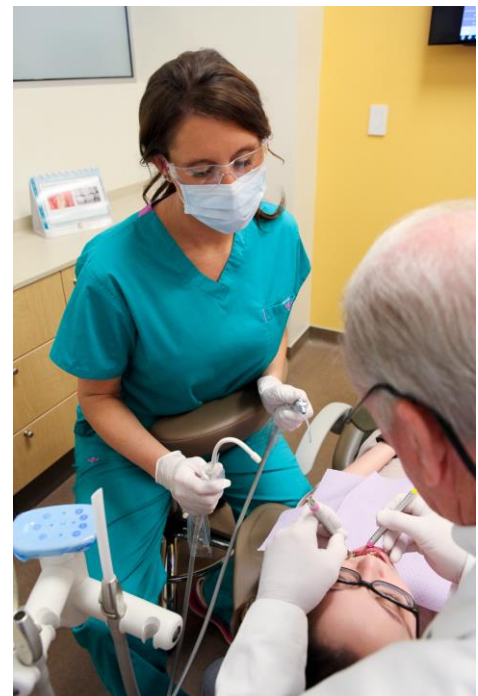
Science Prerequisite Courses

Complete all of the following **science prerequisites** with a grade of “C” or higher: (Only courses that transfer to TJC as listed):

- BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I;
- BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II;
- BIOL 2420 Microbiology;
- CHEM 1406 Introductory Chemistry - Allied Health Emphasis OR CHEM 1405 Introductory Chemistry I.

All science courses must have been taken within 5 years prior to admission. For the application period Dec 2023-Feb 2024, this means only sciences completed in or after the year 2019 will be considered.

If BIOL 2401 and/or BIOL 2402 were taken more than 5 years ago, [you can take a refresher course called SCIT 6003](#), for those two specific sciences only. Your original course grade in BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 will be used for calculating points; taking SCIT 6003 only renews the date on the grades, it does not replace the grades. No bonus points are giving for sciences completed at TJC more than 5 years ago. The refresher course will not “renew” the bonus points, only the date.



Courses “in progress” are not considered. Only courses with a grade of “C” or above will be used to calculate admission points.

Reminder: All four **science pre-requisites** listed above must be completed before applying.

Degree Required Courses

- *ENGL 1301 Composition I*
- *PSYC 2301 General Psychology OR PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development*
- *SOCI 1301 Introductory Sociology*
- *SPCH 1315 Public Speaking OR SPCH 1321 Business & Professional Communication*
- *Any Creative Arts course (ARTS 1301, DANC 2303, DRAM 1310, MUSI 1306, MUSI 1310) OR Language, Philosophy & Culture course (DANC 1305, ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, 2332, 2333; HIST 2311, 2312; HUMA 1301; PHIL 1301, 1304, 2306)*

The above courses are not required prior to applying. HOWEVER, they carry points value for the admission process, and you are encouraged to take these prior to applying to the program. Also, these must be completed to receive your degree.

Bonus Courses (Optional)

- *HPRS 1201 Intro to Health Professions*
- *HITT 1305 Medical Terminology*

The above bonus courses are not required but are helpful to build your points.

Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher (or hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college)

2. Apply for General Admission to TJC

In order to apply to the AAS Dental Hygiene Program, you must have been admitted as a TJC student. Your application to TJC can be completed and

submitted online at <https://www.tjc.edu/future> . Before you apply to the AAS Dental Hygiene Program, you must meet the following criteria:

- accepted as a TJC student and have an A Number (student ID).
- at least 18 years of age on the date you submit the application.

3. Submit Official College Transcripts to Registrar's Office

IF... TJC is the ONLY college you have attended, this step does not need to be completed.

IF... you have been enrolled in any other college, you will need to submit official transcripts to the TJC registrar's office from every college you have attended.

IF... you have previously submitted a transcript and no additional course work was completed at that college since your submission, you do not need to resubmit.



IF... you previously submitted a transcript and have completed additional coursework you will need to submit an updated transcript to the registrar's office.

Only courses posted on your transcript will be considered. Courses that are “in progress” at the time of the submission will not count toward your points.

4. Complete a Transcript Evaluation Request

If TJC is the ONLY college you have attended, this step does not need to be completed.

If you have submitted official transcripts to the TJC registrar's office, from another college or submitted an updated transcript from another college you need to complete the evaluation request form.

<https://www.tjc.edu/info/20006/academics/26/transcripts/2> Please allow up to 6 weeks for the registrar's office to evaluate and post transcripts to Degree Works.

5. Download the Pre-Admission Observation Form

Download the Pre-Admission Observation Form and take it with you to the dental office where you observe. Ensure that you obtain the signature, RDH license number and number of hours observed from the hygienist. You **must observe a dental hygienist** for a total of 12 hours. Hours can be completed in either **2 or 3** different dental offices. Each office observation must be a **minimum of 3 hours** or it will not be counted toward your requirement. Time spent observing a dentist or dental assistant will not count toward your requirement.

You are not required to observe all of the different procedures listed on the form, if those procedures are not scheduled during the day of your observation. Just observe as many as you can.

Observation hours are only valid for one application period. Only observation hours completed on or after Feb 16, 2023, will be accepted for the application period beginning December 2023 and ending February 2024.

6. Take the HESI Exam (Schedule appointment online)

- Applicants taking the HESI A2 Exam at TJC must schedule an appointment with the [TJC Testing Center](#) prior to arrival. You should request a testing appointment online at tjctesting.setmore.com.
- NO voucher is required to take the HESI A2 exam. However, the applicant must have a TJC ID number (A-Number).
- Prior to arriving at the testing center, Applicants should set up an Evolve/HESI account by going to <https://evolve.elsevier.com> . He or she will need to click on the Login link and then click on the Create Account link. **The student will need to write down the user ID and password he/she created.**



All applicants are required to take the HESI A2 Entrance Exam. In order to take the HESI exam at TJC, you will visit the scheduling website (tjctesting.setmore.com) to set an

appointment. HESI exams are only available to applicants that have a TJC student ID number. All of the required five sections of the HESI A2 Exam must be completed (only one retest allowed per application year). **It is the responsibility of the applicant to request the HESI A2 exam upon arrival at the testing center.** Test scores are good for two application periods which means a HESI test dated February 16, 2022 or later will be accepted for the application period beginning Dec 1, 2023 and ending Feb 15, 2024.

The following sections of the HESI test need to be completed:

- Math (minimum score of 75% required)
- Reading (minimum score of 75% required)
- Vocabulary and General Knowledge
- Chemistry
- Anatomy & Physiology

The HESI exam is offered for dental hygiene applicants, by appointment only, anytime during the year. Please check with the [TJC Testing Center](#) for available hours and current pricing.

HESI A2 exam scores from other testing centers/colleges will be accepted. If you are completing the HESI A2 exam at another campus, please make sure to complete all of the above sections and follow testing protocol for that particular location.



7. Download and Complete the AAS Dental Hygiene Worksheet

Acceptance into the AAS Dental Hygiene Program is based on a combined points system of preliminary points and interview/writing skills points. Applicants will be invited for an interview/writing sample appointment if the total preliminary points rank them in the top 50 applicants, according to score.

Preliminary points are calculated based on the following criteria:

- Pre-requisite science courses (Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, Microbiology, Chemistry) have the following points value:
 - A=11 points
 - B=8 points
 - C=5 points
 - D/F=0 points

One additional point will be given for each science course competed at TJC. If a science is repeated (within the 5-year time frame) for a higher grade, one point will be deducted for retaking the course. If an equal or lesser grade is earned, there will be no point deduction for retaking.

- General education courses have the following point value (English, Psychology, Sociology, Speech, and Creative Arts or Language/Philosophy/Culture):
 - A or B = 2 points
 - C = 1 point
 - D/F = 0 points

There is no point deduction for retaking a general education course.

- Bonus courses (Medical Terminology, Introduction to Health Professions) have the following point value:
 - A or B = 1 point
 - C/D/F = 0 points

There is no point deduction for retaking a bonus course.

- HESI Entrance Exam has the following point value:
 - Composite score X 0.30 = total HESI points
- Residency within the Tyler Junior College District is worth 1 point (based on information collected by the TJC Registrar's office).
- Applicants who previously applied will receive 1 bonus point if the following criteria is met:
 - Applicant applied during the 2022-2023 application period and met all requirements for qualification.
 - Candidate has improved the pre-interview points from the previous application year by
 - retaking the HESI and earning a higher score,
 - retaking a science and earning a higher grade,
 - taking a bonus class,
 - taking an additional class to increase points,
 - completing an associate or bachelor's degree, OR

- current enrollment in and/or completion of the TJC CDA program.

*Please note, a change in residency status will not qualify as an effort to improve points in this category.

- Applicants currently holding an associate degree or higher will receive 1 bonus point.
- Certified Dental Assistant points value:
 - Current enrollment in the spring semester of the TJC Certified Dental Assisting Program (accredited program only) = 2 points
- Current CDA License* (copy of license must be submitted with application) = 4 points

8. Complete Dental Hygiene Associate Degree Program Application

** Note: No points will be awarded for an RDA license. You must have obtained a Certified Dental Assisting License to receive the points. This license is issued upon successful completion of all sections of the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) exam. This is not the same as a state certification, it is a national certification. Please visit <https://www.danb.org/> for details about the CDA license.*

The Dental Hygiene Associate Degree Program Application is available on the dental hygiene webpage. You will need to download and complete the application and save it as a PDF file.

Review and Submit Application Packet - Online ONLY

If you have ONLY attended TJC, make sure you have completed/uploaded the following steps:

- ✓ I have applied to TJC and received my student ID number.
- ✓ I have completed the required pre-requisite science courses (2018 or later)
- ✓ I have completed observation hours Feb 16, 2022 or later (*Pre-admission Observation Form*), scanned and saved as a PDF file.
- ✓ I have taken the HESI exam, scanned or downloaded my scores and saved as a PDF file.
- ✓ I have taken the HESI exam a second time, scanned or downloaded my scores and saved as a PDF file. (optional but recommended)
- ✓ I have completed the *AAS Dental Hygiene Worksheet* (points calculation form) available on the website and saved as a PDF file.
- ✓ I have completed the *Dental Hygiene Associate Degree Program Application*, and saved as a PDF file.
- ✓ I have completed the *Verification of Good Standing Form* (ONLY if previously enrolled in a Nursing and/or Health Science program that was NOT completed).
- ✓ I have visited the TJC AAS Dental Hygiene website and clicked on the ***Application Submission Form*** where I answered the questions and uploaded all required documents online.

If you have attended TJC AND/OR any other college, make sure you have completed/submitted the following steps:

- ✓ I have completed the required pre-requisite science courses. (2018 or later)
- ✓ I have applied to TJC and received my student ID number.
- ✓ I have submitted official college transcripts to the registrar's office (only applies to applicants who have attended colleges OTHER than TJC).
- ✓ I have completed the transcript evaluation.
- ✓ I have completed observation hours Feb 16, 2022 or later (*Pre-admission Observation Form*), scanned and saved as a PDF file.
- ✓ I have taken the HESI exam, scanned or downloaded (from my personal Evolve account) my scores and saved as a PDF file.
- ✓ I have taken the HESI exam a second time, scanned or downloaded my scores and saved as a PDF file. (optional but recommended)
- ✓ I have completed the *AAS Dental Hygiene Worksheet* (points calculation form) available on the website and saved as a PDF file.
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- ✓ I have visited the TJC AAS Dental Hygiene website and clicked on the ***Application Submission Form*** where I answered the questions and uploaded all required documents online.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Healthcare Students must have all the following vaccinations before they may engage in course activities which will involve direct patient contact with potential exposure to blood or bodily fluids in educational, medical, or dental care facilities. Please do not include immunization records with the application.



- **Tetanus-Diphtheria Vaccine**

Students must show receipt of one dose of tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis vaccine (Tdap). In addition, one dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine must have been received within the last ten years. Td (tetanus-diphtheria vaccine) is an acceptable substitute, if Tdap vaccine is medically contraindicated.

- **Measles Vaccine**

Students born on or after January 1, 1957, must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of two doses of a measles-containing vaccine administered since January 1, 1968 (preferably MMR vaccine).

- **Mumps Vaccine**

Students born on or after January 1, 1957, must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of two doses of a mumps vaccine.

- **Rubella Vaccine**

Students must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of one dose of rubella vaccine.

- **Hepatitis B Vaccine**

Students are required to receive a complete series of hepatitis B vaccine prior to the start of direct patient care.

- **Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine**

Students are required to have received two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine.

- **Influenza (Flu) Vaccine**

Students are required to have flu shots at the start of each flu season.

- **TB test**

Students must receive a negative TB skin test within one year of application to the program. If the skin test results in a positive reading, the student must provide a clear chest x-ray and lab report to Castle Branch for evaluation.

- **COVID 19 Vaccine**

Students are encouraged to obtain a COVID19 vaccine(s) prior to enrollment in clinical courses.

Students offered a position in the dental hygiene program must meet the above immunizations requirements. AFTER a position is offered, Inability to meet these requirements could result in forfeiture of acceptance.

DRUG SCREEN AND BACKGROUND CHECK

All applicants that accept a position in the dental hygiene program will be required to submit to a background and drug screening through a third party. Applicants must have a clear background and a clear drug screening to be eligible for enrollment.

Substances tested:

- Amphetamines
- Barbiturate
- Benzodiazepines
- Cannabinoids
- Cocaine
- Methadone
- Methaqualone
- Opiates
- Phencyclidine
- Propoxyphene

Applicants who fail a criminal background check or drug screening will be notified that their application is denied.

- Applicants will not be admitted to the AAS Dental Hygiene Program with a positive drug screening.
- Applicants will be advised that a criminal background may prohibit dental hygiene licensure by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. If a criminal background is reported to the Department Chair, the applicant will be required to request a criminal history evaluation from the licensing agency.

The student's name, immunization records, drug screen and criminal background information will be provided to the office of the Department Chair of Dental Studies. This information will be housed electronically. It is the responsibility of TJC to inform students of requirements prior to enrollment in this curriculum. This will give students prior notice and an opportunity to decline the acceptance offer before investing time and money in the class. In the event the student feels that an error has been made in the criminal background check, it is the responsibility of the student to contact the agency who conducts the screening.

Applicants will not be admitted to the AAS Dental Hygiene Program with a positive drug screening. Applicants will be advised that a criminal background may prohibit dental hygiene licensure by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. If a criminal background is reported to the Department Chair, the applicant will be required to request a criminal history evaluation from the licensing agency.

TJC CDA GRADUATE – RULES FOR COURSE CREDIT

AAS Dental Hygiene students who have completed the TJC Certified Dental Assisting Program and who have passed all sections of the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) exam, may choose to receive “credit by exam” rather than enrolling in the following two dental hygiene courses IF they have graduated from the CDA program within the last two years (2021 or after):

- DHYG 1304 - Dental Radiology.
- DHYG 1219 - Dental Materials.

Students choosing to receive “credit by exam” will be required to pay a single, one-time fee to the registrars in order to receive credit for the two courses. Students who earned a CDA but did not graduate from the TJC CDA Program, in 2021 or later, will be required to take the two above mentioned DHYG courses.

Previous Enrollment in a Nursing or Health Science Program

If you have been enrolled in, but have not completed, any Nursing or Health Science program



at TJC or any other college, you are **required** to submit the “Verification of Good Standing Form”. The form can be downloaded from the website. You will complete and sign the top section and forward the form to the Department Chair/Program Director of the program where you did not complete. You will ask the Chair or Director of that program to

complete the bottom section and return the form to you. You will submit the form with your application documents at the time you apply.

INTERVIEW PROCESS

Applicants who rank in the top 50 according to preliminary admission points will be asked to participate in an interview process. This portion of the application will include an MMI (multiple mini interviews) style of interview. A date and time will be scheduled in March. **Applicants will be notified through official TJC email ONLY.**

In addition to participation in the MMI process, the top ranked applicants will be asked to submit a short writing sample onsite at the time of the interview.

Possible Interview Criteria

- Professionalism
- Critical thinking
- Ethical decision making
- Interpersonal communication
- Leadership skills
- Commitment to team environment



Selection Process

Total preliminary points will be calculated for each applicant and the 50 applicants with the highest points will be contacted **through official TJC email** with a scheduled appointment for an interview. The interview and writing sample will result in a maximum of 25 additional points. Once the interview points/writing points are calculated and added to the preliminary points, applicants will be ranked by total points. The 30 applicants with the highest total points will be considered for admission by the TJC Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee. Upon approval of the committee, they will be offered conditional acceptance in the program. The next 10 students, in ranking order, will be selected as alternates. If a position in the program becomes available, an alternate will be contacted (in ranking order) via phone to fill the position. The remaining applicants will be declined. Every applicant, no matter their status, will be notified via official TJC email.

Confirmation Agreement

If you are offered a position in the program (via TJC email), a link to complete a confirmation agreement will be sent to you via email. You will be asked to pay a non-refundable \$100 deposit to hold your position. You must complete the online confirmation and upload a receipt of payment of the non-refundable deposit to hold your position in the program. The \$100 deposit will be applied to your supply costs, during the first fall semester of the program.



Dental Hygiene Student Orientation

If you choose to accept a position in the dental hygiene program, you will be required to attend two mandatory orientations. One will be scheduled in late May or early June and the other will be scheduled in late summer prior to the start of the fall semester. Attendance is **mandatory** for both sessions.

