



## FOOTHILL COLLEGE

### INFORMATION FOR DENTAL HYGIENE PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS

Application timeline: **October 1 - February 1**

**Please read all information and instructions before submitting your application.**

Information and application available at <https://foothill.edu/dentalhygiene/entry-track/>

Thank you for your interest in the Foothill College Dental Hygiene Program. Our program is approved by the California Community College Chancellor's Office to participate in the baccalaureate pilot program and award the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene upon successful completion of all courses and program requirements. Please read the entire document and the application instructions before you do the online application process. You should allow adequate processing time for all documents and transcripts that you have requested. Admission to the program is limited to 24 students. In order to provide all candidates a fair and equal opportunity for admission, only those online applications are complete, including transcripts and all other documentation will be considered. Application filing procedures must be followed carefully.

#### **Dental Hygiene Program Mission**

The purpose of the Dental Hygiene program is to educate students who will positively impact the oral health status of the community. This education will include courses in the basic, social and dental sciences, liberal arts and public health with emphasis on the clinical aspect of the Dental Hygiene practice. This education will provide the student with a foundation to pursue life-long learning.

#### **Dental Hygiene Program Goals**

The goals of the Foothill College Dental Hygiene Program are to prepare the dental hygiene student upon graduation; (1) to provide comprehensive dental hygiene care in a variety of dental health care settings to individuals from diverse socioeconomic, educational and/or cultural backgrounds; (2) to assume responsibility for oral health wellness and disease prevention in the realm of dental hygiene care for individuals and the community; (3) to develop a graduate who practices and promotes ethical and legal considerations in dental hygiene practice; and (4) to interact effectively with other health professionals in a competent, collaborative, and ethical manner.

#### **Dental Hygiene Program Learning Outcomes**

##### **I. Professionalism**

The Foothill College Bachelor of Science degree graduate will demonstrate competence in their role as health professionals at the local, state, and national levels. The graduate will possess the ethics, values, skills, and knowledge integral to all aspects of the profession.

##### **II. Health Promotion and Disease Prevention**

The Foothill College Bachelor of Science degree graduate will be competent in the performance and delivery of oral health promotion and disease prevention services in public health, private practice and alternative settings. The graduate will be able to exercise evidence based practice, critical thinking and communicate effectively in all professional employment settings.

#### **Foothill College Dental Hygiene Program Competencies**

**Dental Hygiene Process of Care:** Dental hygiene graduates must be competent in assessing the oral health needs of diverse populations and providing comprehensive dental hygiene care for persons of all ages/stages of life.

**Health Education Strategies:** Dental hygiene graduates must be competent in health education strategies for the prevention of disease & the promotion of health for individual clients and the community.

**Infection & Hazardous Waste Management:** Dental hygiene graduates must be competent in infection & hazard control procedures to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases.

**Legal & Ethical Principles:** Dental hygiene graduates must be competent in the ethical & legal principles underlying the practice of dental hygiene.

**Please read the following information carefully:**

1. **PREREQUISITES** - must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher. It is highly recommended that you complete the prerequisites listed below before you send an application. A limited number of prerequisite may be in progress at the time the application is submitted; however all prerequisites must be completed before an applicant begins the Dental Hygiene program.

- Minimum cumulative college GPA of 2.5
- The required biological sciences courses (anatomy & physiology, microbiology, nutrition and pharmacology) must be passed with a 2.75 GPA or higher.
- Completion of CSU or IGETC pattern general education (includes many of the courses listed below)

Course Name	Coursework Equivalent	C-ID Descriptor
<b>General anatomy and physiology with labs*</b> (1 year)	BIO 40A, 40B & 40C	C-ID BIO 115B S or C-ID BIO 110B and 120B
<b>Human nutrition*</b> (1 QTR/ SEM)	BIO 45	C-ID NUTR 110
<b>Microbiology with lab*</b> (1 QTR/ SEM)	BIO 41	None
<b>Pharmacology*</b> (1 QTR/ SEM) – must be taken at Foothill College. No substitution.	BIO 58	None
<b>Survey of inorganic, organic and biochemistry and labs</b> (2 QTRs/ SEMs)	CHEM 30A and CHEM 30B (must include biochemistry)	C-ID CHEM 101 (CHEM 30A) & CHEM 102(CHEM 30B)
<b>Introduction to speech or communication</b> (1 QTR/ SEM)	COMM 1A or COMM 1AH or ANY COMM in CSU A1 or IGETC 1C	C-ID COMM 110
<b>Introduction to Dental Hygiene</b> (1 QTR) – must be taken at Foothill College. No substitution.	DH 200L	None
<b>English composition and reading</b> (1 QTR/SEM)	ENGL 1A or 1AH or 1S&1T	C-ID ENGL 100
<b>English composition, critical reading &amp; thinking</b> (1 QTR/SEM)	ENGL 1B or 1BH or 1C or 1CH or PHIL 1, or 7, or 30	C-ID ENGL 105, ENGL 110; PHIL 210 (PHIL 7)
<b>Health</b> (1 QTR/SEM)	HLTH 21 (recommended) or HLTH 20	C-ID PHS 100 or C-ID PHS 101
<b>Statistics</b> (1 QTR/SEM)	MATH 10 or PSYC 7 or SOC 7	C-ID MATH 110
<b>General psychology</b> (1 QTR/SEM)	PSYC 1 (recommended) or ANY Psychology Course	C-ID PSY 110
<b>Introduction to sociology</b> (1 QTR/SEM)	SOC 1 (recommended) or ANY Sociology Course	C-ID SOCI 110
<b>Multicultural/Ethnic studies course</b>	COMM 12 (recommended) or COMM 10	C-ID COMM 150 (COMM 12)

**2. Equivalent Courses**

Please use the [Transfer Equivalency System](#) (TES) as a tool to help student’s assess which credits earned from previous college-level regionally accredited institutions will transfer to Foothill College. It is important to note that this TES is used as an initial tool for providing you with an unofficial transfer evaluation and does not replace an official transcript evaluation, so it is strongly advised to meet with a counselor to help determine how your transfer credits apply to your degree plan. Courses not listed, must be petitioned through our Counseling Department.

**3. Counseling, CSU/IGETC General Education Certification and Transferability**

It is recommended that prospective applicants meet with an academic counselor to review and evaluate their college transcripts. Any courses needing to be petitioned for equivalency will be done at this time. The deadline for students to submit petitions will be **fall quarter** to be considered at prior to the application deadline. To make a 30-minute counseling appointment you must have a valid Foothill College student CWID number. Bring transcripts and pertinent documentation (such as course outlines/descriptions/transcripts) to your appointment. It is required that applicants

complete the CSU or IGETC pattern of General Education courses required for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene. Questions regarding general education requirements, and transferability of course work should be directed to one of the academic counselors in the Counseling Center at Foothill College. [To make a counseling appointment, click here.](#)

- **Recency of courses.** There is a six-year recency requirement for the biological sciences (anatomy and physiology, microbiology, nutrition and pharmacology) for this program.
  - **Equivalency.** All prerequisite coursework taken at colleges or universities other than Foothill College must be comparable in content to the required Foothill course in order to be applicable to this program.
  - **Work in Progress.** A small number of prerequisite courses may be in progress at the time of applying, but all prerequisites must be shown as complete with a grade on official transcripts before starting the dental hygiene program.
  - **General Education.** The Dental Hygiene program grants a Bachelor of Science degree, therefore all students must complete the CSU or IGETC general education requirements prior to starting the dental hygiene program. Furthermore, courses taken or earned degrees at foreign country cannot be used to satisfy general education requirements.
4. **Transcripts** – All transcripts must be sent electronically to Foothill College Admissions and Records, before the application deadline. If your college does not offer electronic transcripts, **official sealed transcripts** should send to Admissions and Records will suffice. Transcripts should include all work shown as completed on the application.

**Note:** ALL college transcripts from US colleges and universities are required, even if the courses don't seem relevant. An application that is not complete and/or does not have all transcripts included will not be considered.

**Previous Applicants** - All previous applicants must re-apply via MyPortal and resubmit all updated transcripts electronically to the Foothill College Admissions and Records Department.

#### **Submitting an Application**

In order to apply to the Dental Hygiene Program at Foothill College a Foothill College student ID is required. If you do not have a student ID please click here to apply for one: [Apply to Foothill College](#). The online application will be available via MyPortal. Review the directions for submitting the online application, available on the program web site <https://foothill.edu/dentalhygiene/entry-track/>.

#### **Admission Policy**

Admission is based on criteria approved by Foothill College and consistent with State and Federal law, regulations, and program accreditation guidelines. Primary admission criteria include completion of prerequisite courses with a grade "C" or better, a minimum GPA of 2.75 or higher in the required biological sciences (anatomy and physiology, microbiology, nutrition and pharmacology), a cumulative college GPA of 2.50 or higher for all colleges attended, and compliance with the technical standards stated in the application.

#### **Additional Program Information**

**Discrimination Policy** - Foothill College will not discriminate against any person in the provision of any program or services based on race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical/mental disability.

**Felony & Misdemeanor Convictions:** An applicant who has been arrested and/or convicted of a felony offense, drug or alcohol related offense, or certain offenses involving unethical behavior prior to admission or during the course of the Dental Hygiene Program may not be eligible for licensure by the Dental Hygiene Committee of California.

**Physical examinations, immunizations, background screening, and drug testing** are required to attend clinical internships. Positive results on background checks and drug testing could impact a student's ability to attend clinics, complete the program requirements, or gain a license to practice upon graduation. All applicants admitted into this program will be required to complete a physical examination. Students will be required to show evidence of the following immunizations or titers along with the physical examination: Hepatitis B, Tdap, MMR, Tetanus, Varicella Titer, annual flu shot. The student will pay the cost of required physical examinations, immunizations, background screenings, and drug tests. Students accepted into the program will be provided with specific details.

**Financial Support:** While in the Dental Hygiene Program, you will require significant financial support. Dental Hygiene students are routinely assigned clinical activities on campus and enrichment rotations in second year at off-campus clinics on Fridays. You will need to provide transportation for such assignments. The number of lecture, laboratory and clinical hours make it difficult for

a student to work while enrolled in the program. In addition, working while enrolled in the program is going to put a strain on your ability to study for your dental hygiene courses. We suggest you keep your work commitments to a minimum in order to be successful in your course work. Though most of the classes and clinical work is scheduled during the day hours, there may be assignments or assignments in the evening, on Saturdays or on Sundays. We strongly recommend you plan ahead financially for the 2 years in the program. **Financial Aid Assistance, services and scholarships are available at Foothill College. Please call 650-949-7245 or visit the website at: [Financial Aid Website](#)**

**Estimated Dental Hygiene Program Expenses:**

<b>Summer Orientation: DH 50 (4 weeks in July)</b>	
Basic Fees* + Enrollment Fee – in State (1 unit)	\$83
Instrument & tooth models	\$40
Textbooks/Syllabus Fees	\$80

<b>Fall Quarter DH 1</b>	
Basic Fees* & Enrollment Fee – in State (18 units)	\$1,618
Textbooks/Syllabus Fees	\$500
Lab Coats, Uniforms, Shoes	\$ 200
Instrument kit 1	\$ 1,200
Magnifying loupes	\$1,000

<b>Winter Quarter DH 1</b>	
Basic Fees* & Enrollment Fee – in State (17 units)	\$1,531
Textbooks/Syllabus Fees	\$200
Instrument kit 2	\$2,200

<b>Spring Quarter DH 1</b>	
Basic Fees* & Enrollment Fee – in State (19 units)	\$1,705
Textbooks/Syllabus Fees	\$200

<b>Summer Quarter DH 2</b>	
Basic Fees* & Enrollment Fee – in State (5.5 units)	\$530
Textbooks/Syllabus Fees	\$100

<b>Fall Quarter DH 2</b>	
Basic Fees* & Enrollment Fee – in State (16.5 units)	\$1,488
Textbooks/Syllabus Fees	\$100
Instrument Kit 3	\$1,500

<b>Winter Quarter DH 2</b>	
Basic Fees* & Enrollment Fee – in State (14.5 units)	\$1,314
Textbooks/Syllabus Fees	\$100

<b>Spring Quarter DH 2</b>	
Basic Fees* & Enrollment Fee – in State (14.5 units)	\$1,400
Textbooks/Syllabus Fees	\$100

Total approximate cost for the two years are: college fees & enrollment fees ~ \$9,669; textbooks ~ \$1,380; dental hygiene instrument kits, magnifying loupes and uniforms ~ \$6,100. All fees are subject to change and are approximation at time of publication.

<b>Additional fees to become licensed as RDH in California</b>	
National Dental Hygiene Board Examination Fee	\$415
Application Fees for WREB Clinical Exam	\$1,200
RDH application fee for DHCC	\$200
Background check and fingerprinting for licensure DHCC	\$70
Application Fees for CA RDH Law & Ethics Exam	\$28