

PRE- AND CO-REQUISITE COURSEWORK

Course Number	General Education Core	Term/Planning Notes	Credits Required	Pre- / Co-Requisites
BIOL-107 <i>or</i> BIOL-200	Fundamentals of Microbiology <i>or</i> Microbiology	Completed within 5 years of first clinical	4	Prerequisite
ENGL-121	College Composition		3	Prerequisite
MATH-138	Statistics		4	Prerequisite
BIOL-106 <i>or</i> BIOL-203 and BIOL-204	Basic Anatomy and Physiology <i>or</i> Anatomy & Physiology I and Anatomy & Physiology II	Completed within 5 years of first clinical	4 or 8	*Co-Requisite
CHEM-103 <i>or</i> CHEM-101	Fundamentals of General Chemistry <i>or</i> General Inorganic Chemistry I	Completed within 5 years of first clinical	4	*Co-Requisite
NUTR-211	Nutrition		3	*Co-Requisite
PSYC-101	General Psychology		3	*Co-Requisite
SOCI-101	Introduction to Sociology		3	*Co-Requisite
COMM-101 <i>or</i> COMM-105 <i>or</i> COMM-110	Speech Requirement		3	*Co-Requisite

**Although not required, it is recommended that co-requisites are completed prior to enrollment into clinical courses.*

CLINICAL COURSEWORK

Course Number	Course	Credits	Term
DHYG-102	Histology and Embryology	2	Summer
DHYG-100**	Dental Hygiene Theory and Clinic I	4	Fall
DHYG-106	Oral Anatomy and Tooth Morphology	3	Fall
DHYG-111	Dental Radiology	3	Fall
DHYG-150**	Dental Hygiene Theory and Clinic II	5	Spring
DHYG-208	Dental Materials	3	Spring
DHYG-209	Periodontics	2	Spring
DHYG-104	General and Oral Pathology	3	Fall
DHYG-200**	Dental Hygiene Theory and Clinic III	4	Fall
DHYG-210	Pharmacology and Pain Management	2	Fall
DHYG-207	Dental Public Health	3	Spring
DHYG-250**	Dental Hygiene Theory and Clinic IV	4	Spring
DHYG-257	Dental Hygiene Ethics and Jurisprudence	1	Spring
Total Program Credits:		70	

****As of Fall 2022, ALL students are required to show proof of health insurance. HCC does not provide or sponsor health insurance for students.**

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- If not already an accepted student to Howard Community College (HCC), please submit HCC's online application for admission, [Apply for Credit Programs](#). Select the Dental Hygiene area of study, as well as the program code—280.
- Submit official college transcript(s) and [Transcript Evaluation Request Form](#), if transferring courses from other academic institution/s.
- Submit the Dental Hygiene Supplemental Application with one-time fee of \$25 and two documents verifying residency (*Howard County residents only*). **The online application for Summer admission may be found at your application account between September 15 and January 15.**
- Submit documentation showing completion of a minimum of 16 hours observation or the interviews of four dental hygienists in a dental office setting.
- All pre- and co-requisite courses must be completed with a 'C' or higher unless otherwise stated.
- A cumulative HCC GPA of **2.25 or higher is required.**

SELECTION OF STUDENTS:

- Randomized digital lottery systems are held whenever the number of qualified new applicants exceeds the number of available seats.
- **Priority is given to applicants with pre- and co-requisites completed by the application deadline.**
- Within the lottery, students are selected in the following order:
 1. Howard County residents
 2. In-state, out-of-county residents
 3. Out-of-state residents
- Applicants' names are randomly selected, and each qualified applicant is offered a seat or assigned a waitlist number based upon order of selection.
- As seats become available, waitlisted students will be admitted into the program.
- A waitlist will be maintained but will not roll over to the next year. Students on the waitlist who do not receive a seat will need to submit a new supplemental application during the next application period.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION:

The Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements"). The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312)440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission's web address is: ada.org/en/coda.

QUESTIONS:

Admissions email: admissions@howardcc.edu or visit the Office of Admissions located in the RCF Building.

PLEASE NOTE:

A Drug Screening and Criminal Background Check will be required prior to enrollment in any nursing/allied health clinical course in order to ensure the safety of patients in the clinical setting. Students who do not comply with the drug screening and criminal background check are ineligible for placement in clinical agencies and therefore are not able to progress in the clinical nursing/allied health program. Students with a criminal background may be unable to progress in the clinical nursing/allied health program. It is the students' responsibility to know whether they are eligible for licensure. If a student has a criminal background, it is the students' responsibility to explore whether the background will prohibit them from being licensed and employed in the health care industry. HCC faculty and staff are NOT able to provide legal advice. If you have any questions about your existing criminal background, you may wish to discuss this with legal counsel.

The college reserves the right to change unilaterally, without notification, any requirement, fee or program if it is deemed necessary.