



APPLICANT PROCEDURES HANDBOOK

**Pierce College Fort Steilacoom
(Satellite Site Peninsula College)
2007- 2008**

NOTE

There will be major changes made to the Admissions Criteria, Testing, Deadlines, and Selection Process for the Fall 2009 Program. They will be published on the Dental Hygiene Program Website at www.pierce.ctc.edu as soon as they are finalized.

PIERCE COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
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PROGRAM INTRODUCTION, 2007-2008

The **Pierce College Dental Hygiene Program**, recognized as one of Washington State's and the Nation's finest Dental Hygiene programs, is accredited by the **ADA Commission on Dental Education for Dental Hygiene**, it is a **two-year (seven consecutive quarters) , full-time, day class only course of study** (*Occasional evenings and/or weekends can occur due to guest speakers and/or attendance at professional courses, events, etc.*). Pre-requisite college courses (includes the pre-dental hygiene courses) are required prior to admission consideration. These courses typically take between one and two years to complete dependent on your desired course load.

Upon completion of the Program, your degree earned/conferred is an **Associate in Dental Hygiene** and articulates* into Eastern Washington University's Expanded Bachelor of Science Dental Hygiene program (see more information Appendix B). The Dental Hygiene curriculum emphasizes quality clinical dental hygiene practice and academic excellence. Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to take the Dental Hygiene National Board Examination, and regional and state licensing examinations. Dental Hygienists are in significant demand in Washington, with many varied practice opportunities throughout the State. Placement for the program's graduates is typically 100 percent.

The Pierce College Dental Hygiene Program is looking for students who are **committed to the profession of Dental Hygiene**. Before applying to our program, applicants should explore as many facets as possible of a Dental Hygiene career. This includes, but is not limited to, infection control, various practice settings, the law as it pertains to Dental Hygiene, etc.

We admit only up to 26 students per year into our program. Selection is based on GPA, test scores, and other optional factors. (See Page 10 for selection criteria.) Entrance into the Program is competitive; thus, we recommend that applicants maintain as high a GPA as possible in their pre-dental hygiene course requirements.

The Program's involvement in a High Demand Distance Learning Project allows selection of six qualified students that are able to attend an off-campus site in Port Angeles. Applicants are encouraged to apply to all dental hygiene programs in the region to enhance their chances of securing entrance in a dental hygiene class. Please go to: www.adha.org to check for other dental hygiene schools in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

If you want a firsthand glimpse of our Dental Hygiene Program, please call (253) 964-6695 for an appointment. A faculty advisor will be happy to meet with you, discuss the Program in detail, and explain how a career in dental hygiene may fit into your personal goals. The dedicated and talented faculty and staff of the Program will show innovation and care in addressing your questions.

For more information, you may contact us by:

Internet/Email: www.pierce.ctc.edu and search "Dental Hygiene"

Phone: (253) 964-6695 or the Dental Hygiene Information line, (253) 964-6796

Mail: Pierce College Fort Steilacoom, Dental Hygiene Program, 9401 Farwest Drive SW, Lakewood, Washington, 98498-1999.

Important! Please read the enclosed information **carefully and follow the application procedures exactly.**

YOU MUST MEET ALL DEADLINES AND SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED AS A QUALIFIED APPLICANT TO THE PIERCE COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.

Note: The Pierce College District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or age in its programs and activities.

*ENGL 111 is not accepted by EWU.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION STANDARDS--COMPLAINT POLICY

The Commission on Dental Accreditation will review complaints that relate to a program's compliance with the accreditation standards. The Commission is interested in the sustained quality and continued improvement of dental and dental-related education programs, but does not intervene on behalf of individuals or act as a court of appeal for individuals in matters of admission, appointment, promotion or dismissal of faculty, staff or students.

A copy of the appropriate accreditation standards and/or the Commission's policy and procedure for submission of complaints may be obtained by contacting the Commission at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, or by calling 1-800-621-8099 extension 2719.

APPLICANTS WITH PRIOR FELONY CONVICTION

If you have been convicted of a felony, you need to clarify your eligibility for licensure through the Department of Licensing before commencing a course of study in Dental Hygiene. Please contact the Washington State Department of Licensing, Department of Health, for further information at (360) 236-4773. (You might be required to go through a background check.)

Identification of Positive Criminal History—Washington State Criminal History Repository Department of Health—Licensing Application.

DOH conducts criminal background check on every applicant for licensure (DH program, dentistry, etc.)

- Applicants must answer the DOH Information Data Sheet with integrity and honesty. Future licensure is at great risk if false information is submitted.
- With positive criminal history, the applicant must include all reports and court documents along with detailed and complete explanations, with the application for Washington State Licensure.
- Positive criminal history cases are submitted to a DOH review panel where decisions regarding licensure (and possible stipulations) are determined.
- Each case identifying positive criminal history is managed as an individual case. License stipulations may be obligatory if patient harm is potential.
- Applicants with positive criminal history should attempt to get the violation records expunged (after a specified time, some records may be expunged).

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities who believe they may need academic adjustments, auxiliary aids or services to fully participate in course activities or meet course requirements are encouraged to register with the Access and Disability Services (ADS) Office, in the Sunrise Building, Room N115, Pierce College Fort Steilacoom. You may also call the ADS Office to make an appointment to meet with the ADS Coordinator at (253) 964-6526 or (253) 964-6527. Students requesting accommodations must obtain the "Approved Quarterly Academic Adjustments, Auxiliary Aids or Services" form provided by ADS.

The Dental Hygiene Program and the field of Dental Hygiene are physically and mentally demanding. They require good physical conditioning, as well as excellent eye-hand coordination. Dental Hygiene tasks place demands especially on your back, upper body muscles, fine motor skills, and your vision. These tasks are repetitive and are performed on a variety of clients in a variety of different settings. Please check with your physician and Dental Hygiene Program staff to have them evaluate your ability to complete the program based in the physical demands of Dental Hygiene.

PRE-DENTAL HYGIENE COURSES AND REQUIREMENTS

Basic College Science and Math Courses and General Education College Courses are essential to prepare a student to succeed in the Dental Hygiene Program. The Pierce College Dental Hygiene Program also requires competence in select computer skills.

Please read **all the information contained in this booklet** and make a list of your questions to assist the Dental Hygiene advisor.

Assessment (ASSET or COMPASS) test scores are required **PRIOR to the advising appointment** and those scores **must be less than one year old**.

I. Required Basic College Level Science and Math Courses

NOTE: Pre-requisite course work may take one (1) to two (2) years to complete in order to qualify for entrance into the Program.

There are pre-requisite courses to the below science/math course requirements. These courses and pre-requisites are different at each college. You **must check** with your Pierce College advisor or an advisor at your college to assure that the proper course work is completed.

Only **ONE repeat** of a Science/Math *and* General Education requirement per course within the last five (5) years will be considered. If you plan to repeat any of the pre-requisites, you **must complete the course by the end of Winter Quarter 2008**. The last grade received in the repeated course will be used in the selection process.

1. All seven science/math courses must be completed with a **minimum grade of 3.0 in each course**.
2. **Four of the seven Pierce College science/math courses listed below, or their equivalents, must be completed by the end of Winter Quarter 2008**, or selection into the Program is *not possible* for this application year.
3. **ALL** science/math pre-requisite courses must be completed by the end of Spring Quarter 2008.
4. **ALL** science/math courses must have been successfully completed within the past five (5) years, which is Fall 2002 and later.

COURSE CATEGORY	PIERCE COURSE NAME/NUMBER	CREDITS
Human Anatomy and Physiology	BIOL 240/241, paired course with lab	4, 2
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Chemistry, Inorganic	CHEM 101 with lab	5
Chemistry, Organic	CHEM 102 with lab	5
Microbiology	MICRO 201 with lab	5
Contemporary Math	MATH 107	5
Human Nutrition	HSCI 161	3-5

Only the grades in these required science/math courses or their equivalents will be considered for computing the science GPA.

Students Currently working in a similar Health Occupation:

Rarely, exceptions to the above time- requirements may be made, and can only be considered and approved by the Program Director. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain written permission to obtain exceptions prior to the February 1st deadline.

II. Required General Education College Courses: Required to earn the Associate Degree In Dental Hygiene

1. Each class **must be completed with a minimum grade of 3.0 or better.**
2. **English 103 or English 111** (English 111 not accepted by EWU) **and ONE** of the following Pierce College general education courses or their equivalents **must be completed by the end of Winter Quarter 2008.**
3. The remaining general education courses **must be completed by the end of Summer Quarter 2008.**

COURSE CATEGORY	PIERCE COURSE NAME/NUMBER	CREDITS
English Composition, must have been successfully completed within the past five (5) years from Fall 2002.	ENGL 103 or ENGL 111 (English 111 is allowed by Pierce, but will not transfer to EWU's BS Expanded Program)	5
General Psychology	PSYCH 110	5
Sociology	SOC 110	5
Speech	SPCH 100 or SPCH 110	5

NOTE: High School College Earned Credits

Applicants who have received credit, while in high school, for college level science/math pre-requisites or general education courses who wish to have these considered **must request that an Advanced College Placement score be sent to the Pierce College Fort Steilacoom Admissions Office/Dental Hygiene.** These courses will only be considered in the selection process when an official transcript or report has been received.

III. Required Computer Courses

1. All dental hygiene applicants and re-applicants will be required to show competence in the following Pierce College computer courses or their equivalents by submitting an equivalent course transcript.
2. All computer requirements should be completed no later than the end of Summer Quarter 2008.
3. A grade of 2.0 or better is required for each course.
4. These grades are not computed in your science GPA.
5. Certificates of completion are **not** acceptable as proof of computer skills.

At **Pierce College**, the following courses will fulfill your computer equivalencies:

COURSE CATEGORY	PIERCE COURSE NAME/NUMBER	CREDITS
Computers, Windows	CMPTR 105/BTECH	1
Computers, MS Word	CMPTR 106/BTECH	2
Computers, Quality Results from the Web	CMPTR 107/BTECH	1
Computers, PowerPoint	CMPTR 108	1

SAMPLE SCHEDULE ONLY

SCHEDULE OF TOTAL PRE-REQUISITE COURSES FOR PIERCE COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE

FALL		WINTER		SPRING		SUMMER	
BIOL 240	4cr	BIOL 250	4cr	MICRO 201	5cr	SPCH 100 or 110	5cr
BIOL 241	2cr	BIOL 251	2cr	HSCI 161	5cr	SOC 110	5cr
MATH 107	5cr	PSYCH 110	5cr	CHEM 102	5cr	CMPTR CLASSES	5cr
ENGL 103 or ENGL 111	5cr	CHEM 101	5cr				
Total Credits	16	Total Credits	16	Total Credits	15	Total Credits	16

Total Pre-requisite Credits necessary for admission consideration into the Pierce College Dental Hygiene Program: 63 *(Excluding any courses necessary to be eligible to take the above courses.)*

PLEASE NOTE!

It is the **Applicant's Responsibility** to determine which courses and course numbers correspond EXACTLY to the Pierce College's courses. *(This may require submitting additional documents for review by the Program Director.)*

DISCLAIMER!

Completion of ALL Pre-requisite Courses DOES NOT Guarantee Entrance into the Dental Hygiene Program!

COURSE EQUIVALENCIES OF PRE-REQUISITE COURSES from OTHER COLLEGES and OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

All applicants and re-applicants, including Pierce College students, **must completely fill out and submit the Course Pre-requisite Listing Form** (located in Appendix A) **for the current year and course description(s) (if requesting approval from the Program Director of course(s) not listed on the Course Pre-requisite Listing Form or taken prior to Fall 2002.)** to the Admission's Office or the applicant **will not be eligible to be considered in the selection process.** The Admission's Office uses the Course Pre-requisite Listing Form for documentation of prerequisites to the Program. This listing is **vital in the selection process and required for all applicants and re-applicants.**

Applicant's Responsibilities: Verify Your Pre-requisite Course Equivalencies!

1. **First:** If your College is not listed in the Pre-requisite Course Equivalency Chart (Appendix A), then **CHECK your college's website** for "course equivalencies" or "transfer guides" and/or contact your college's advisor for help. These Guides may also be found in college libraries or career and counseling centers.
2. **Prior to submitting your application documents** to the Pierce College Fort Steilacoom Admissions Office/Dental Hygiene, check with the Dental Hygiene Program Director **if requesting to substitute courses not listed on the Course Equivalency Chart or taken prior to Fall 2002.** Call the Dental Hygiene Department at 253-964-6695 for an appointment.
3. **Any course not indicated** on the Pre-requisite Course Equivalency Chart in Appendix A **MUST be accompanied by a course description from an official course catalog**, or it will not be accepted for consideration. Failure to submit proper documentation by the Program-established deadlines will invalidate your application. You may **print the description from the online college catalog** or **make a copy of the catalog directly.** **You MAY NOT type it out yourself! NO EXCEPTIONS**

IMPORTANT TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

For transcripts to be considered **OFFICIAL**, the transcripts must **be mailed directly from all colleges attended** to the Pierce College Fort Steilacoom Admissions Office/Dental Hygiene in official school envelopes. (Faxed transcripts are not acceptable.) Hand carried transcripts are accepted **ONLY** if they are in sealed, official, letterhead envelopes from previous schools.

If your transcripts are under a name other than your current name, you **must** request the institution sending the transcript to include your current name and/or your Social Security Number on the transcript. This action ensures the proper filing of your transcripts. **Students taking pre-requisite classes at Pierce College must request that official transcripts be sent to the Pierce College Fort Steilacoom Admissions Office/Dental Hygiene.** We suggest applicants retain copies of transcript requests showing the date of the request should questions arise regarding the receipt of transcripts. It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify our receipt of documents, **prior** to deadline dates.

FINANCIAL AID, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND LOANS

Students accepted into the Pierce College Dental Hygiene Program who are interested in information about financial aid, scholarships, and/or loans should contact the Financial Aid Office (253) 964-6544. Deadlines are strictly adhered to, so students are encouraged to apply early. Additional scholarship information is available for accepted applicants by contacting the Dental Hygiene Program, (253) 964-6695. There are scholarships offered by the American Dental Association, American Dental Hygienists Association, Washington State Dental Hygienists Association, and Washington Dental Service Foundation.

PROGRAM COSTS

Approximate costs for the two-year (seven-quarter) Dental Hygiene program, based on Washington State resident tuition rates, are listed below. Pre-requisite course expenses, room and board are not included. (Pierce College does not have dormitories.) **Please keep in mind that ALL these costs are estimated and are subject to change.**

- ^a- Resident tuition rates shown are for the 2007-08 academic year and are subject to change by the state legislature. Non-resident (US citizen/Immigrant) tuition is \$87.50 per credit (\$1,009 to \$1,304 per quarter depending on credit load), and other non-resident is \$246.00 per credit (\$2,594 to \$3,206 per quarter depending on credit load). Student Comprehensive Fee, Technology Fee, and Certificate of Participation (COP) Fee will be collected quarterly at the time tuition is paid.
- ^b- Any unused balance will be refunded at the completion of the second year.
- ^c- Additional instruments may be issued dependent upon technology and instrument advancements.
- ^d- Dental Stores fees cover consumables such as gloves, laboratory supplies and are subject to change prior to the start of the year.
- ^e- Course Materials cover clinic forms and instructional forms not provided on Blackboard.

FIRST YEAR

Fall Quarter: (18 credits)

Pierce College Tuition ^a	\$981
Pierce College Comprehensive Student Fee.....	15
Pierce College Technology Fee.....	35
Pierce College COP Fee	35
Books	850
Instruments & Supplies (2-year issue)	4,300
Dental Stores Fee	350
Restorative Kits Rental (1 st and 2 nd year)	50
Professional Association Dues	40
Liability Insurance	40
Lab Coats, Uniforms and Shoes.....	300
Course Fees ^e	30
First Aid/CPR	35
Total	\$7,061

Winter Quarter: (18 credits)

Pierce College Tuition ^a	\$981
Pierce College Comprehensive Student Fee.....	15
Pierce College Technology Fee.....	35
Pierce College COP Fee	35
Books	160
Dental Stores Fee ^d	350
Course Fees ^e	30
Damage Deposit ^b	100
Total	\$1,706

Spring Quarter: (19 credits)

Pierce College Tuition ^a	\$1,048
Pierce College Comprehensive Student Fee.....	15
Pierce College Technology Fee.....	35
Pierce College COP Fee	35
Books	130
Dental Stores Fee ^d	350
Course Fees ^e	30
Total	\$1,643

Summer Quarter: (14 credits)

Pierce College Tuition ^a	\$862
Pierce College Comprehensive Student Fee.....	15
Pierce College Technology Fee.....	35
Pierce College COP Fee	35
Course fee for DENT 164 retreat.....	100
Books	145
Dental Stores Fee ^d	250
Course Fees ^e	30
Total	\$1,472

SECOND YEAR

Fall Quarter: (20 credits)

Pierce College Tuition ^a	\$1,115
Pierce College Comprehensive Student Fee.....	15
Pierce College Technology Fee.....	35
Pierce College COP Fee	35
Books	175
Ultrasonic Instruments	1,300
Instruments & Supplies (2 nd year supplement) ^c	350
Dental Stores Fee ^d	350
Professional Association Dues	40
Liability Insurance	40
Course Fees ^e	30
CPR Update	25
Total	\$3,510

Winter Quarter: (19 credits)

Pierce College Tuition ^a	\$1,048
Pierce College Comprehensive Student Fee.....	15
Pierce College Technology Fee.....	35
Pierce College COP Fee	35
Books	100
Dental Stores Fee ^d	350
Course Fees ^e	30
Total	\$1,613

Spring Quarter: (16 credits)

Pierce College Tuition ^a	\$922
Pierce College Comprehensive Student Fee.....	15
Pierce College Technology Fee.....	35
Pierce College COP Fee	35
Books	100
Dental Stores Fee ^d	350
Course Fees ^e	30
Total	\$1,487

TOTAL PROGRAM COST

(without tuition)..... \$10,940

TOTAL TWO YEARS

(with in-state tuition ^a)..... \$18,492

Board Examination Fees

(Based on Licensing for WA State)

National Board Exam Fee	\$130
Western Regional Exam Fee	\$1,200
WA State Board License Fee	\$110

ADMISSION TESTING *AFTER* MEETING FEBRUARY 1st APPLICATION CRITERIA

Applicants are **REQUIRED** to take the following **THREE** tests!

Testing Date for Space Relations and Writing Sample Tests: Thursday, March 27, 2008

1. **Space Relations Test** – this examination must be taken at Pierce College Fort Steilacoom. Only applicants meeting the criteria for the February deadline will be invited to test. More information regarding the testing will be provided in the notification.
2. **Writing Sample Test** – this examination must be taken at Pierce College Fort Steilacoom. Only applicants meeting the criteria for the February deadline will be invited to test. More information regarding the testing will be provided in the notification.

HOBET Scores due to Pierce College Admissions: Friday, April 11, 2008

3. **Health Occupations Basic Evaluation Test (HOBET)** – evaluates quantitative and reading skills of applicants. It also contains components related to learning styles, stress level profiles, social interaction profile, and test taking skills. Only the quantitative and reading scores will be used in the selection process.

The HOBET can be taken at the Pierce College Fort Steilacoom Testing Center. (It can also be taken at other colleges or test centers. Check your local community college.) To schedule an appointment to take the HOBET test at Pierce College, please call (253) 964-6521. Scores for the HOBET examinations taken at Pierce College will automatically be forwarded to the Admissions Office. HOBET scores for examinations taken at other testing sites must be sent to Pierce College Admissions Office/Dental Hygiene and **must be received in a sealed official College envelopes no later than April 11, 2008. The last test scores will be the ones used in the selection process.** There is an administration fee for the HOBET.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. **ALL applicants and re-applicants MUST take the Writing Sample Test.**
2. **Re-applicants ONLY** may wish to use scores for the Space Relations and/or HOBET Tests from a previous year. The test must have been taken *after March 2005*. If so, please indicate at the bottom of your **COURSE PRE-REQUISITE LISTING FORM**. Test scores over two year's old will not be accepted.

Applicant FYI:

Useful Admission Test preparation computerized information may be found at www.DATReview.com and at www.scholarware.com for the interested applicant.

SELECTION PROCESS

THERE IS NO PRIORITY WAITING LIST FOR ADMISSION INTO THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM.

Applicants **must meet all application requirements** to be considered in the selection process. Class size is limited. Admission to the Dental Hygiene Program is based on the following criteria.

1. Completion of the Admissions File. All required documents **must be received by the dates listed in Appendix B, p. xii and throughout this document under the corresponding headings.**
2. **Incomplete files will not be considered in the selection process.** It is the applicant's responsibility to confirm that his/her file is complete and up-to-date, prior to established deadlines.
3. Applicants are evaluated on the following:

	40%	GPA of Science/Math Courses (7)
	20%	Non Science GPA of General Education Courses
	20%	Standardized Test Scores (HOBET)
	10%	Writing Sample Test scores
	<u>10%</u>	Space Relations Test scores
TOTAL	100%	

Additional Option 5% Dental Assisting Certification (optional) (See Appendix B)

4. **Applicants will be ranked in numerical order** according to the scores achieved in all categories listed above. In the case of a tie for the last position, consideration will be given to the applicant with the **higher GPA in College Science/Math courses.**
5. **Final class selection will be made in May 2008.** Once the final class selection is made, all applicants who were considered in the selection process will receive a letter indicating their status.
6. **Four of the seven Science/Math pre-requisite courses, as well as ENGL 103 or ENGL 111 and one other General Education courses, must be completed by the end of Winter Quarter 2008, or selection into the Program is not possible.**
7. The remaining Science/Math pre-requisite courses **must be completed by the end of Spring Quarter 2008**
8. The remaining General Education pre-requisite courses, as well as the computer courses, **must be completed by the end of Summer Quarter 2008.**

REGISTRATION FORMS (if needed) AND OTHER APPLICABLE INFORMATION

1. If you **have not completed ALL** the pre-dental hygiene courses and requirements prior to the February 1, 2008 Deadline, you must submit registration forms and transcripts showing your enrollment in the remaining courses as per the required dates listed in the schedule in Appendix B, p. xii. Submit the applicable registration forms showing your enrollment status in the remaining courses necessary to meet full acceptance and admission into the Dental Hygiene Program for Fall 2008, as indicated on the Application Procedures/Instructions checklist, Appendix B, p. xii.

NOTE!

1. Acceptance is contingent upon the successful completion of the following items:
 - a. **ALL** remaining Science/Math pre-requisite coursework **must be completed by the end of Spring Quarter 2008 and each course must reflect the required final course GPA of 3.0 or better.**
 - b. **ALL** remaining General Education coursework **must be completed by the end of Summer Quarter 2008 and each course must reflect the required final course GPA of 3.0 or better.**
 - c. **ALL** Computer coursework **must be completed by the end of Summer Quarter 2008 and each course must reflect the required final course GPA of 2.0 or better.**

If required coursework is not completed in a satisfactory manner and an applicant has received notification of conditional acceptance into the Program, the offer of acceptance will be withdrawn and the spot offered to another qualified applicant.

2. **Official college transcripts**, showing that all courses have been completed **with a grade of 3.0 or better in each course** must be submitted to the Admissions Office **no later than July 8, 2008** (Spring courses), and **September 9, 2008** (Summer courses).

REQUIREMENTS *AFTER* ACCEPTANCE INTO THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Applicants are **REQUIRED** to meet the following criteria **PRIOR** to beginning the program in Fall Quarter 2008 and *during* the Dental Hygiene Program.

- **Payment of a non-refundable, \$100.00 Advance Tuition Deposit.** This will be applied to Fall Quarter 2008 tuition and must be received upon notification of acceptance into the DH Program to insure reservation of your place in the class.
- **A GPA of 2.0 must be maintained** throughout the Program to meet the academic standards.
- **Attend the mandatory five-day Dental Hygiene Program Orientation during the week *prior to the beginning of Fall Quarter 2008*.** Students will be given information and issued supplies to prepare them for their Dental Hygiene education.
- **The following must be completed and the results provided to the Dental Hygiene Department on or before Fall Orientation.** All medical examinations are to be completed at the expense of the student.
 - a. A **physical examination (within six months prior to entering the Program)** evaluating general and musculo-skeletal health. This examination must include previous or current injuries and conditions to hands and arms (i.e. carpal tunnel, tendonitis, fractures, etc.), shoulders, neck and back (including muscles, tendons, bones, and/or nerves). In addition, this physical examination must include laboratory tests and update of immunizations as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or your health care provider. *Guidelines for immunizations, set by the CDC, are provided at the end of this section.*
 - b. A **PPD/mantoux screening test for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*** is required at the time of acceptance into the program, and thereafter, on an annual basis. This is not an immunization, but a test of exposure to *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. Documentation of a prior positive TB skin test and negative chest x-ray may substitute for TB testing.
 - c. A **vision/eye examination that includes an evaluation of depth perception.** Students will be required to wear safety glasses during the performance of **all** lab and clinical activities/procedures. Students who wear prescription glasses should consult with the First Year Clinic Coordinator for acceptable eyewear options. Side shields are required on all safety glasses including personal prescription glasses. Some frame designs create difficulty in meeting this requirement.
 - d. A **dental examination within the past 12 months. However, no cleaning after July 1 prior** to entry into the Program. Students will be provided a cleaning in January of their first year in the program. If you normally have your teeth cleaned more often than every 6 months, please discuss your schedule and needs with the First Year Clinic Coordinator.
 - e. **Comprehensive current medical insurance** for duration of program enrollment.

Healthcare Personnel Vaccination Recommendations

Vaccine	Recommendations in brief
Hepatitis B	Give 3-dose series (dose #1 now, #2 in 1 month, #3 approximately 5 months after #2). Give IM. Obtain anti-HBs serologic testing 1–2 months after dose #3.
Influenza	Give 1 dose of TIV or LAIV annually. Give TIV intramuscularly or LAIV intranasally.
MMR	For healthcare personnel (HCP) born in 1957 or later without serologic evidence of immunity or prior vaccination, give 2 doses of MMR, 4 weeks apart. For HCP born prior to 1957, see below. Give SC.
Varicella (chickenpox)	For HCP who have no serologic proof of immunity, prior vaccination, or history of varicella disease, give 2 doses of varicella vaccine, 4 weeks apart. Give SC.
Tetanus, diphtheria,	Give all HCP a Td booster dose every 10 years, following the completion of the primary 3-dose series. Give a 1-time dose of Tdap to all HCP younger than age 65 years with direct patient contact. Give IM.
Meningococcal	Give 1 dose to microbiologists who are routinely exposed to isolates of <i>N. meningitidis</i> .

Hepatitis A, typhoid, and polio vaccines are not routinely recommended for HCP who may have on-the-job exposure to fecal material.

Hepatitis B

Healthcare personnel (HCP) who perform tasks that may involve exposure to blood or body fluids should receive a 3-dose series of hepatitis B vaccine at 0-, 1-, and 6-month intervals. Test for hepatitis B surface antibody (anti-HBs) to document immunity 1–2 months after dose #3.

- If anti-HBs is at least 10 mIU/mL (positive), the patient is immune. No further serologic testing or vaccination is recommended.
- If anti-HBs is less than 10 mIU/mL (negative), the patient is unprotected from hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection; revaccinate with a 3-dose series. Retest anti-HBs 1–2 months after dose #3.
 - If anti-HBs is positive, the patient is immune. No further testing or vaccination is recommended.
 - If anti-HBs is negative following 6 doses of vaccine, the patient is a non-responder.

For non-responders: HCP who are non-responders should be considered susceptible to HBV and should be counseled regarding precautions to prevent HBV infection and the need to obtain HBIG prophylaxis for any known or probable parenteral exposure to hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)-positive blood.¹ It is also possible that non-responders are persons who are HBsAg positive. Testing should be considered. HCP found to be HBsAg positive should be counseled and medically evaluated.

Note: Anti-HBs testing is not recommended routinely for previously vaccinated HCP who were not tested 1–2 months after their original vaccine series. These HCP should be tested for anti-HBs when they have an exposure to blood or body fluids. If found to be anti-HBs negative, the HCP should be treated as if susceptible.¹

Influenza

Trivalent (Inactivated) Influenza Vaccine (TIV): May give to any HCP.
Live, Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV): May give to any non-pregnant healthy HCP age 49 years and younger.

1. All HCP should receive annual influenza vaccine. Groups that should be targeted include all personnel (including volunteers) in hospitals, outpatient, and home-health settings who have any patient contact.
2. TIV is preferred over LAIV for HCP who are in close contact with severely immunosuppressed persons (e.g., stem cell transplant patients) when patients require a protective environment.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

HCP who work in medical facilities should be immune to measles, mumps, and rubella.

- HCP born in 1957 or later can be considered immune to measles, mumps, or rubella only if they have documentation of (a) physician-diagnosed

rubella immunity (HCP who have an “indeterminate” or “equivocal” level of immunity upon testing should be considered nonimmune); or (c) appropriate vaccination against measles, mumps, and rubella (i.e., administration on or after the first birthday of two doses of live measles and mumps vaccines separated by 28 days or more, and at least one dose of live rubella vaccine).

- Although birth before 1957 generally is considered acceptable evidence of measles, mumps, and rubella immunity, healthcare facilities should consider recommending a dose of MMR vaccine (two doses during a mumps outbreak) to unvaccinated HCP born before 1957 who are in either of the following categories: (a) do not have a history of physician-diagnosed measles and mumps disease or laboratory evidence of measles and mumps immunity and (b) do not have laboratory evidence of rubella immunity.

Varicella

It is recommended that all HCP be immune to varicella. Evidence of immunity in HCP includes documentation of 2 doses of varicella vaccine given at least 28 days apart, history of varicella or herpes zoster based on physician diagnosis, laboratory evidence of immunity, or laboratory confirmation of disease.

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Td/Tdap)

All adults who have completed a primary series of a tetanus/diphtheria-containing product (DTP, DTaP, DT, Td) should receive Td boosters every 10 years. As soon as feasible, HCP younger than age 65 years with direct patient contact should be given a 1-time dose of Tdap, with priority given to those having contact with infants younger than age 12 months.

Meningococcal

Vaccination is recommended for microbiologists who are routinely exposed to isolates of *N. meningitidis*. Use of MCV4 is preferred among persons ages 11–55 years; give IM. If MCV4 is unavailable, MPSV is an acceptable alternative for HCP ages 11–55 years. Use of MPSV is recommended for HCP older than age 55; give SC.

References

1. See Table 3 in “Updated U.S. Public Health Service Guidelines for the Management of Occupational Exposures to HBV, HCV, and HIV and Recommendations for Postexposure Prophylaxis,” *MMWR*, June 29, 2001, Vol. 50, RR-11.

For additional specific ACIP recommendations, refer to the official ACIP statements published in *MMWR*. To obtain copies, visit CDC’s website at www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/ACIP-list.htm; or visit the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) website at www.immunize.org/acip.

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measles or mumps disease; or (b) laboratory evidence of measles, mumps, or

PIERCE COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE CURRICULUM, 2007 – 2008

Please see pages 5-7 for Pre-requisite and Pre-dental hygiene courses necessary prior to application and starting the dental hygiene curriculum

FIRST YEAR					
FALL					
<u>Credits</u>	<u>Crs. #</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Lec</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>Hrs. Total</u>
3	DHYG 102	Dental Imaging I	2	2	4
2	DHYG 103	Preventive Dentistry I	1.5	1	2.5
3	DHYG 104	Biological Structures I	2	2	4
1	DHYG 106	Med. Emerg. in Dent. Pract.	1	-	1
2	DHYG 107	Intro. to Restorative Dent. I	1	2	3
3	DHYG 108	Fundamentals of Dent. Hyg. I	3	-	3
<u>4</u>	DHYG 109	Dental Hygiene Practice I	<u>-</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
18			10.5	15	25.5
WINTER					
<u>Credits</u>	<u>Crs. #</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Lec</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	DHYG 111	Intro. to Periodontology I	1	-	1
2	DHYG 112	Dental Imaging II	1	2	3
1	DHYG 113	Preventive Dent. II	0.5	1	1.5
2	DHYG 114	Biological Structures II	2	-	2
2	DHYG 115	General Pathology	2	-	2
2	DHYG 117	Intro. to Restorative Dent. II	1	2	3
2	DHYG 118	Fundament. of Dent. Hyg. II	2	-	2
<u>6</u>	DHYG 119	Dental Hygiene Practice II	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
18			9.5	17	26.5
SPRING					
<u>Credits</u>	<u>Crs. #</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Lec</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>Total</u>
3	DHYG 121	Intro. to Periodontology II	3	-	3
3	DHYG 122	Pharmacology for Dent Hyg	3	-	3
1	DHYG 123	Preventive Dent. III	1	-	1
2	DHYG 125	Oral Pathology	2	-	2
2	DHYG 127	Intro. to Rest. Dent. III	1	2	3
2	DHYG 128	Fundament. of Dent. Hyg. III	2	-	2
<u>6</u>	DHYG 129	Dental Hygiene Practice III	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
19			12	14	26
SUMMER					
<u>Credits</u>	<u>Crs. #</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Lec</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	DHYG 162	Dental Imaging III	0.5	1	1.5
2	DHYG 164	Health Profess Team Bldg	2	-	2
3	DHYG 166	Local Anesthesia	2	2	4
1	DHYG 167	Intro. to Restorative Dent. IV	-	2	2
1	DHYG 168	Fundament. of Dent. Hyg. IV	1	-	1
<u>6</u>	DHYG 169	Dental Hygiene Practice IV	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
14			5.5	17	22.5

SECOND YEAR					
FALL					
<u>Credits</u>	<u>Crs. #</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Lec</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>Hrs. Total</u>
2	DHYG 231	Advanced Periodontology I	1.5	1	2.5
1	DHYG 232	Nutrition for Dental Hyg.	1	-	1
2	DHYG 233	Gerodontology/Special Needs	2	-	2
2	DHYG 234	Fundament. of Rest. Dent. I	1.5	1	2.5
1	DHYG 236	Nitrous Oxide Psychosed. Dent.	1	-	1
2	DHYG 237	Clinical Restorative Dent. I	-	4	4
3	DHYG 238	Fundamentals of Dent. Hyg. V	3	-	3
<u>7</u>	DHYG 239	Dental Hygiene Practice V	<u>-</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>
20			10	20	30
WINTER					
<u>Credits</u>	<u>Crs. #</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Lec</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	DHYG 241	Advanced Periodontology II	1	-	1
3	DHYG 243	Community Dental Health	3	-	3
1	DHYG 244	Fundamentals of Rest. Dent. II	1	-	1
2	DHYG 246	Extramural Dent. Hyg. Pract. I	-	4	4
2	DHYG 247	Clinical Restorative Dent. II	-	4	4
3	DHYG 248	Fundament. of Dent. Hyg. VI	3	-	3
<u>7</u>	DHYG 249	Dental Hygiene Practice VI	<u>-</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>
19			8	22	30
SPRING					
<u>Credits</u>	<u>Crs. #</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Lec</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	DHYG 253	Communit Dent Health Pract.	-	2	2
1	DHYG 254	Fundament. of Rest. Dent. III	1	-	1
2	DHYG 256	Extramural Dent Hyg Prac. II	-	4	4
2	DHYG 257	Clinical Restorative Dent. III	-	4	4
3	DHYG 258	Fundament. of Dent. Hyg. VII	3	-	3
<u>7</u>	DHYG 259	Dental Hygiene Practice VII	<u>-</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>
16			4	24	28

Total Contact Hours = 1,885

Total Credits = 124

Total Credits including Pre-Dental Hygiene = 187

(course credits may vary dependent upon computer courses completed)

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OPTIONAL BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE post PIERCE COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE SCHOOL and STATE LICENSURE

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Lane Community College AAS Degree Program 4000 E 30 th Eugene, OR 97405 (541) 747-4501 ext. 2069	Yakima Valley Community College AAS Degree Program 16 th Ave Nob Hill Blvd. Yakima, WA 98907 (509) 574-4920