

# DMACC Dental Hygiene Program Application Process Check Sheet

I. Entry Requirements <b>Updated May 2022</b>		COMPLETION DATE	GRADE/ SCORE
1.	Complete a DMACC application to the Dental Hygiene Program. <b>DO THIS FIRST.</b> Notify DMACC of any change in name, address or phone number.		NA
2.	Attend <b>required</b> Dental Programs Information Session <a href="https://www.dmacc.edu/programs/dentalhygiene/Pages/welcome.aspx">https://www.dmacc.edu/programs/dentalhygiene/Pages/welcome.aspx</a>		NA
3.	Submit proof of High School graduation, GED or equivalent. Check with Admissions to be sure transcripts are on file.		NA
4.	ACT score of 19 or greater in Reading and English <b>OR</b> Accuplacer scores of at least <b>248</b> in Reading, <b>254</b> in Writing  <b>*Must be taken within the past 5 years</b>	ACT Reading	
		ACT Writing	
		Reading	
		Writing	
5.	Complete ALEKS Math Assessment to determine math skill level and readiness		
<b>II. Program Entry Requirements</b>			
Complete required entry courses with a grade of "C" or better (not C-) and submit documentation to Admissions for verification.			
6.	BIO164 Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology <b>OR</b> BIO 733 Health Science Anatomy <b>AND</b> BIO 734 Health Science Physiology  <b>OR</b> BIO 168 Anatomy & Physiology I <b>AND</b> BIOL173 Anatomy and Physiology II	COMPLETION DATE	GRADE/ SCORE
7.	CHM 122 Introduction to General Chemistry		
8.	BIO 186 Microbiology with Lab <b>OR</b> BIO 732 Health Science Microbiology		
<p>When all of the above entry requirements are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMACC Admissions will mail you a letter stating you have been placed on the "Standby" list. That is the official waiting list.</li> <li>• You will then wait to be admitted until a seat becomes available.</li> <li>• If your contact information changes while you are waiting, notify DMACC immediately.</li> </ul> <p>When a seat becomes available, DMACC, Admissions will contact you by phone or mail.</p>			
<p><b>III. While on the Standby List, you should take the following courses. Your position on the standby list will be determined by the number of support courses completed.</b></p>			
9.	CHM132 Intro to Organic and Biochemistry		
10.	ENG 105 Composition I		

11.	SPC101 Fundamentals of Oral Communication <b>OR</b> SPC122 Interpersonal Communication		
12.	PSY 111Intro to Psychology		
13.	SOC 110 Intro to Sociology		
14.	Attend required Dental Hygiene Orientation Session – invitation only		
15.	Enter the program and begin Dental Hygiene classes		

- Taking the liberal arts courses will reduce your course load once you are admitted to the program and will give you more time to devote to your Dental Hygiene courses. However, if insurance or financial aid requires you to be enrolled as a full-time (12 credits or more) student, you'll need to take this into consideration in planning how many courses to take.
- Take courses that will satisfy liberal arts requirements. For guidance, contact Allison Kipp at [amkipp@dmacc.edu](mailto:amkipp@dmacc.edu)
- Work and save money so when you are admitted to the Dental Hygiene program, you can reduce work hours and devote time to studying and succeeding in Dental Hygiene. **This program is academically demanding!**
- You do not have to be enrolled at DMACC to maintain your place on the waiting list.

If you are completing courses at another college, you must request an official transcript be sent to:

**Des Moines Area Community College**  
**Attention: Jennifer Ewalt**  
**Admissions, Building 1**  
**2006 S. Ankeny Blvd.**  
**Ankeny, IA 50023**

The Dental Hygiene Curriculum is designed to prepare graduates for positions in general and specialty dental offices, hospitals, schools, and public health agencies and industrial agencies.

Students are trained in education methods and preventive clinical services which qualify them as dental health educators and competent clinicians. Emphasis is placed on the correlation between prevention, education and the clinical phases of dental hygiene practice as well as basic and social sciences

The Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the council of Postsecondary Accreditation and the United States Department of Education

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