

Explanation of the Dental Hygiene Qualification and Ranking Sheet

1. **CNCC Pre-Dental Hygiene Student:** A student who has earned a minimum of 12 credit hours at Colorado Northwestern Community College by the end of the Fall Semester immediately preceding the Spring Semester in which application to the Dental Hygiene Program is made and 12 credit hours in the spring semester. The 12 credit hours are either prerequisite courses to the Dental Hygiene Program and/or general education courses applicable to the Dental Hygiene Program, Associate of Applied Science.
2. **Required Pre-requisite courses:** These are the required prerequisite courses that apply toward the Dental Hygiene Program. These courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester that you are applying to the program. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. **Prerequisite courses:** BIO 201 & 202, BIO 204, CHE 102 or CHE 109 or CHE 111, and ENG 121. GPA Points will be awarded for completed prerequisite science classes, (ENG 121 will receive one point for completion).
3. **General Education:** courses are NOT a requirement for application, but are used in the evaluation process. They can be completed prior to admission in the program and additional points are awarded for their completion. These courses are required for completion of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Dental Hygiene. **General Education courses:** COM 115 (SPE 115), PSY 101, SOC 101, HWE 100.
The following courses are NOT a requirement for an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Dental Hygiene but can be used in the evaluation process and additional points are awarded for their completion CHE 101 and HPR 175.
4. **Dental Office Experience:**
CNCC Pre-Dental Hygiene Internship: This is NOT a requirement for application, but is used in the evaluation process. The Internship provides students with the opportunity to supplement coursework with practical work experience related to their educational program. Students work under the immediate supervision of experienced personnel at the business location and with the direct guidance of the instructor.
Dental Office Experience: This is NOT a requirement for application, but is used in the evaluation process. Both the employer and applicant must sign the form. The hours worked determine the points awarded. With over a 1200 hours or proof of being a Certified Dental Assistant or being a graduate of an ADA accredited Dental Assisting Program the maximum points will be awarded.
5. **Reference Points:** This IS a requirement for application. The applicant's dental hygiene application is not complete until all three (3) Reference Forms are received at the Department of Dental Hygiene office by February 1st with the signature of the Referrer and their contact information. The Reference Forms **must be** from instructors and/or employers. A faxed copy is acceptable, **with signatures**, if received by the application deadline. The Referrer may be contacted to review the reference they sent in for you.

Letter of Self-Recommendation: This IS a requirement for application. The letter must include the following:

- a. Your full name, address, city, state and zip code. A daytime phone number, evening phone number, cell phone number and your email address.
 - b. The body of the letter is to consist of 1 to 2 typed pages:
 - i. Describe the reasons for your interest in dental hygiene.
 - ii. Describe your life experiences and personal qualities that make you believe that dental hygiene study is appropriate for you.
 - iii. Describe your personal strengths and challenges as you anticipate becoming a dental hygienist.
6. **Grade Point Average (GPA):** The cumulative GPA is calculated **only** on the Pre-requisite and General Education courses that are listed above (See #2 and #3) that apply toward the Dental Hygiene Program. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. **A 2.8 GPA on classes completed is the minimum required to be considered for the Qualification & Ranking Sheet and for application to the program.** For courses that have been retaken, the most recent grade will be used in the calculation of the GPA. An official transcript of all colleges attended is required at the time of application. **Exception:** If you are a student of Colorado Northwestern Community College an unofficial transcript will be accepted at the time of application. If **classes are in progress** at time of application proof of class registration must accompany the application.
 7. **An on-campus Interview:** Applicants who meet the requirements are required to schedule a personal interview with the Dental Hygiene Selection Committee. This will be a part of the application procedure and points will be awarded for the interview. The interviews will be schedule on Fridays in February. The Accuplacer or ACT or SAT tests may be taken on the date you are scheduled for an interview.