



2011-2012 School Year

Dear Prospective Dental Hygiene Applicant,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Taft College Dental Hygiene Program. Enclosed you will find information about the program that will assist you in making your decisions regarding Dental Hygiene as a career.

Enclosed you will find:

1. Prerequisites
Students must have all prerequisites completed by December 31, 2010, in order to be eligible to apply for the Fall 2011 class. In-progress work will not be accepted. Only completed science coursework dated 2005 or after will meet the five (5) year recency requirement.
2. Selection Criteria.
3. Dental Hygiene Associate Degree Requirements.
4. Estimated Program Costs.

Applications for the Fall 2011 class will be sent out after January 1, 2011 and **must be received in the Taft College Admissions Office by 3:00 p.m. March 31, 2011.**

Should you have further questions, please feel free to call the Dental Hygiene Department at (661) 763-7706 or the Counseling Center at (661) 763-7748.

Sincerely yours,

Stacy Eastman, RDH, DDS
Director of Dental Hygiene

**PREREQUISITES AND SELECTION CRITERIA
FOR FALL 2011 PROGRAM APPLICANTS**

Taft College accepts twenty-four qualified students into its Dental Hygiene Program each Fall semester. There are minimum admission requirements that all applicants must meet in order to be considered for acceptance into the program.

The application period for the Fall 2011 class is January 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011.

Prerequisites for the program must be completed by December 31, 2010 in order to apply for the Fall 2011 class.

1. Applicants must earn a minimum grade of "C" in each of the following **prerequisite** courses:

Please Note: Applicants must earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 in the prerequisite courses.

Human Anatomy	- 5 units
Basic Nutrition	- 3 units
Organic Chemistry and Lab	- 5 units
General Microbiology	- 5 units
Human Physiology and Lab	- 5 units
English Composition and Reading	- 3 units

All completed prerequisite science courses must be completed by 2005 or later in order to meet the five (5) year recency requirement.

A two-semester combination Anatomy and Physiology course **may** be substituted for the Anatomy and Physiology requirement. A one semester survey course is **not** acceptable.

The following courses are **corequisites** to the program and may be completed either prior to entering the program or after the applicant is admitted to the program.

Co-requisite Course
General Psychology
Sociology - Introduction to Sociology <i>or</i> Sociology - Minority Group Relations
Speech - Group Discussion <i>or</i> Speech - Public Speaking

2. Applicants must hold a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 in **all** college coursework.

Selection criteria - to be applied to applicants who have met the minimum standards listed on the preceding page:

There is a cumulative total of 250 points possible in the following categories:

- GPA in prerequisite coursework
- cumulative GPA in all college coursework
- number of units completed at Taft College
- progress towards the completion of general education requirements for an Associate Degree
- attainment of a college degree
- related work experience
- quality of the applicant's personal statement
- letters of recommendation

Contact the Counseling Center at (661) 763-7748 for further information.

All points will be determined by consensus of the Selection Committee.

Program requirements and selection criteria are subject to change. Students applying to the Dental Hygiene program must meet catalog and program requirements in effect at the time of application to the program. Contact the Taft College Dental Hygiene Department for current information.

**DENTAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST
FOR FALL 2011 PROGRAM APPLICANTS**

Program Prerequisites: All prerequisites to the program must be completed with a minimum grade of "C". In addition, all science courses (Anatomy, Biology, Chemistry, Microbiology, and Physiology) must be completed within the past five (5) years in order to meet the recency requirement.

Prerequisite Course	Requirement Met	Completion Date
Human Anatomy		
Basic Nutrition		
Organic Chemistry/Lab		
General Microbiology		
Human Physiology/Lab		
English Composition and Reading		

Program Corequisites: Corequisites to the program must be completed prior to the awarding of the Dental Hygiene Associate degree.

Co-requisite Course	Requirement Met
General Psychology	
Sociology - Introduction to Sociology <i>or</i> Sociology - Minority Group Relations	
Speech - Group Discussion <i>or</i> Speech - Public Speaking	

Additional Associate Degree Requirements:

Requirement	Requirement Met
Health Education	
American History and Institutions	
Information Competency	
Humanities	
Mathematics Competency	

Note: The following Associate Degree requirements are met based upon completion of Dental Hygiene Program Requirements: Major, Natural Science, Social and Behavioral Science, English Composition, and Communication and Analytical Thinking. **Coursework completed at another institution must be equivalent to courses offered at Taft College.** A Taft College advisor or the Academic Policies and Procedures Committee will determine equivalency.

TAFT COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
ESTIMATED PROGRAM COST 2011-2012

In addition to standard fees (enrollment fees; non-resident tuition, if applicable; etc.) the Dental Hygiene Program requires additional expenditures during the two-year program. See the table below for an itemized listing.

First Year	Fall	Spring
<i>Units @ \$36</i>	18	13.5
Enrollment fees	\$648	\$486
Books	\$725	\$438
Program expenses	\$600	
Parking	-0-	
ASB card (optional)	\$15	
Instruments and supplies	\$3,330	
Handpiece	-0-	
Uniforms	\$200	
Name tag	\$20	
SADHA dues	\$110	
Malpractice insurance	\$20	
Miscellaneous expenses	\$200	\$125
First Year Totals	\$5,868	\$1,049

Second Year	Fall	Spring
<i>Units @ \$36</i>	14	12.5
Enrollment fees	\$504	\$450
Books	\$298	\$156
Program expenses	\$600	
Instruments and supplies	\$200	\$200
Parking	-0-	
ASB card (optional)	\$15	
SADHA dues	\$110	
Malpractice insurance	\$20	
Miscellaneous expenses	\$150	\$125
<i>**See below for additional board exam expenses**</i>		
Second Year Totals	\$1,897	\$931

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST \$9,745

****Second Year Students Only****

- **National Board Review (four days)** **\$425**
 - Plus hotel and food expense
- **National Board Exam (paid in January)** **\$360**
- **California State Board Exam (paid in May)** **\$575**
 - Livescan and fingerprinting fees \$75+
 - Plus hotel, food, and patient expenses
- **WREB Exam (more info to follow)** **\$1,060**
 - Anesthesia \$325
 - Livescan and fingerprinting fees \$75+
 - Plus hotel, food, and patient expenses

PROGRAM EXPENSES AND ENROLLMENT FEES
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

In order to be eligible for federal aid, students are required to enroll in a course of study leading to a degree or a certificate and maintain satisfactory academic progress. Financial aid applications and the Taft College Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy is available in the Financial Aid Office located in the Counseling Center. Contact the Financial Aid Office at (661)763-7762 if you have questions regarding your eligibility.

**TAFT COLLEGE DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL GUARANTEED STUDENT
LOAN PROGRAM**