Columbia Basin College

Dental Hygiene Program Application for Admission Fall 2013

Congratulations on your interest in the career of Dental Hygiene! This information is being provided to you at your request to use as a guide in submitting your completed application. In order for your application to be considered, all steps must be completed and the required materials submitted to the Admissions Office at Columbia Basin College.

A career in Dental Hygiene is projected to be among the fastest growing healthcare occupations. Dental Hygienists may pursue careers in private dental offices, public health facilities, institutional and corporate clinics, hospitals, educational institutions and mobile dental clinics. The Dental Hygienist provides educated and skilled care utilizing the highest professional judgment, techniques and abilities. Flexible work schedules, great working conditions, and monetary earning potential make a career in Dental Hygiene an excellent choice.

The Dental Hygiene program begins in September each academic year. The curriculum is a two-year (seven-quarter) program requiring full-time classroom and clinical instruction. A clinic and learning laboratory are located on site in Pasco, Washington. Educational enrichment experiences will also be completed at selected sites in the community. Clinical education takes place in Columbia Basin College's Dental Hygiene Clinic. The services provided by students are performed under the supervision of licensed dental hygienists and dentists. Students are prepared to perform all procedures allowed by the Washington State Dental Hygiene Practice Act.

The services provided for patients include: thorough oral examination, x-rays, scaling and polishing, sealants, local anesthesia, composite and amalgam restorations, smoking cessation and nutritional guidance as well as personalized preventive dental education. High quality dental care is provided in this setting at a reduced cost. Patients are selected for care based on the educational needs and skill level of the students.

The information included is a brief overview of Dental Hygiene as a career and not a comprehensive representation of the dental hygiene profession. For additional information it is recommended interested individuals contact the American Dental Hygienists' Association at 800-243-2342 or the Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association at 425-771-3201.

Completed applications must be returned to the Columbia Basin College Admissions Office by January 28, 2013. Applications received after this date will not be considered for admissions.

Completed applications should be addressed to the following:

Columbia Basin College
Admissions Office, MS-H4
2600 North 20th Avenue
Pasco, WA 99301

Applications received after January 28, 2013, or incomplete applications will not be considered for Fall 2013 admission.

Columbia Basin College complies with the spirit and letter of state and federal laws, regulations and executive orders pertaining to civil rights, equal opportunity and affirmative action. CBC does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, age, marital status, physical, mental or sensory disability, sexual orientation or Vietnam veteran status in its educational programs or employment. Questions may be referred to Camilla Glatt, Vice President for Human Resources & Legal Affairs, (509) 542-5548.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to participate in all college sponsored events and programs. If you have a disability and require an accommodation, please contact the CBC Resource Center, (509) 542-4412, or TTY/TDD at 542-0400. This notice is available in alternative media by request.

Selection Criteria for Fall 2013

Applications are evaluated according to a point total which is comprised of:

- Completed prerequisites and preadmission courses
- GPAs for each course
- Courses that applicants are enrolled in for Winter quarter (points will not be awarded for courses to be taken Spring quarter)
- AA, AS, BA, BS, Master's degrees or higher
- Computed score for the Critical Thinking Skills test
- Additional points may be earned for Dental Office work experience or Volunteer/Community Service work. The work experience and volunteer work are OPTIONAL and are not required of the applicants

The top 25 applicants will be invited to attend an interview in March. Additional points will be added to the point total for a dexterity test, self-evaluation, and a written essay completed at the end of the interview.

Science prerequisite courses:
All must be completed with a 2.6 GPA or higher
GPAs of 3.4 to 4.0 will receive additional points
All Science courses must be completed within the past 7 years.

Other prerequisite courses:
All must be completed with a 2.6 GPA or higher
GPAs of 3.4 to 4.0 will receive additional points

Education:
AA or AS Degree: One additional point will be awarded
BS, BA, or Master's degrees: An additional two points will be awarded
Copies of the degree(s) must be submitted with application

Critical Thinking Skills Test:
This test may be taken through the Columbia Basin College Assessment Center (509.542.4860). If you live outside of the Columbia Basin College area, the Assessment Center can assist with finding an approved, alternate location to take the test. Please plan to take these tests well in advance of the application deadline and have your test results sent to the Admissions Office to be included with your application.

Dental Office Work Experience: (Optional)
CDA (certification current) copy of certification required.
Graduate from Technical Skills center in Dental Assisting
500 hours Dental Assisting experience (within the past 5 years) – completed verification form must be submitted with application

Volunteer/Community Service work: (Optional)
100 hours within the past 2 years in any area (excluding volunteer work in a dental office).

Completed verification form must be submitted with application

The Volunteer/Community Service option is provided for applicants without any dental office experience. Volunteer service can be in any arena; it is not necessary that it be in the dental field. Examples of Volunteer/Community Service include but are not limited to volunteer with a community non-profit organization and helping/teaching/participating in church activities, etc.

Program Prerequisites & Preadmission Requirement

Program Prerequisites

MATH& 146	Introductions to Statistics
SOC& 101	Introduction to Sociology
PSYC& 100	General Psychology
NUTR& 101	Nutrition
CMST 101	Speech Essentials
***OR* Select one:**	
• CMST 110	Communication Behavior
• CMST 220	Public Speaking
• CMST 260	Multicultural Communications
ENGL& 101	English Composition
BIOL& 241 + BIOL& 241L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I
BIOL& 242 + BIOL& 242L	Human Anatomy & Physiology II
BIOL& 260 + BIOL& 260L	Microbiology

Preadmission Requirement

CHEM& 121 + CHEM& 121L	Introduction to Chemistry ***OR***
CHEM& 140 + CHEM& 140L	***OR***
CHEM& 160 + CHEM& 160L	

Do not assume that course titles taken at other colleges will be acceptable transfer courses.

Courses with higher numbers also are not able to be substituted for the above prerequisites with the exception of the CMST and CHEM courses listed. Course content is what is considered for courses from colleges other than Columbia Basin College. A transcript evaluation of completed courses may be accomplished by submitting an application to the college and sending OFFICIAL transcripts to Admissions.

The Dental Hygiene department does not make decisions on courses requested for transfer or evaluation of comparable courses. These decisions are made by the Office of Admissions.

Application Submission Information and Timeline

The following dates will be utilized for processing student applications to the Columbia Basin College Dental Hygiene program for Fall 2013.

Applications for the Fall 2013 Class of Dental Hygiene must be received in the Admissions office of Columbia Basin College no later than 4 pm on January 28, 2013.

You will be notified **via e-mail** by February 24, 2013, if you are invited to attend the mandatory group interview which will be held **Friday, March 22, 2013,** at the Columbia Basin College campus.

If you are reapplying to the CBC Dental Hygiene program, you must submit a new application to the program as well as updated copies of your transcript. You must also submit the Critical Thinking Skills Test. (Results are valid for two years). You may call the CBC Assessment Center (509.542.4860) to schedule the test. If you live outside of the CBC area, the Assessment Center can assist you with finding an approved location near you to take your test. You would then be responsible to have your results sent to the Columbia Basin College Admissions office to be included with your application.

October 1, 2012 Dental Hygiene program information and application available online

January 28, 2013 Completed Dental Hygiene applications due.

All transcripts, the results of your Critical Thinking Skills test and your completed application must be received for your application to be considered complete.

Critical Thinking Skills Test Requirement: This is a proctored exam. Contact the CBC Assessment Center 509.542.4860 to schedule your test. If you live outside of the CBC area, the Assessment Center can assist you with finding an approved location near you to take your test. You would then be responsible to have your results sent to the Columbia Basin College Admissions office to be included with your application.

March 22, 2013 A **Group Interview** will be held at the CBC campus from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Candidates will be notified by email prior to this date if selected to attend.

April 19, 2013 **Accepted candidate**s will be notified by e-mail and followed up by a formal, written Letter of Acceptance.

June 14, 2013 All prerequisite coursework must be completed by the end of Spring quarter in the year in which you are applying. Any exception to this must be cleared through the program Director.

July 1, 2013 Official transcripts must be received in the Admissions office no later than July 1, 2013.

July 19, 2013 Attendance for selected candidates at **First Year Orientation** – Mandatory at CBC campus from 10 am until 4 pm.

If you need assistance or have questions regarding this application, please contact the Dental Hygiene Clinic at 509.542.4571 (ext 2571). Or email DHYG@columbiabasin.edu

Columbia Basin College
Health Sciences Div, DHYG MS-T1
2600 North 20th Avenue
Pasco, WA 99301

Specific Program Information

Applicants for the Dental Hygiene Program at Columbia Basin College should be able to perform the following actions:

1. Sit, bend, twist head and body, and reach for extended periods of time
2. Grasp manually and perform fine motor manipulation
3. Visualize the surrounding environment
4. Have the ability to read, write, record, and report information in English
5. Have the ability to perform mathematical functions
6. Integrate information through critical thinking and problem-solving
7. Have the ability to concentrate, retain, and apply learned information and skills
8. Effectively communicate and interact with others
9. Submit prior to the first week of class a complete record showing fulfillment of required immunizations

The Dental Hygiene Program at Columbia Basin College requires an expenditure of approximately $23,000 to $25,000 for the two-year program. This includes tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment. Financial aid may be available, but it is the responsibility of the student to initiate the financial aid process. Estimated costs do not include housing, food, transportation, or other personal expenses. New students need to be able to purchase approximately $6,000 of equipment utilized throughout the program by the First Year Student Orientation July 19, 2013.

Additional costs for the student will include, but are not limited to, the fees for National, State and Western Regional Board exams in order to become licensed to practice as a Dental Hygienist. Students will be advised of current and expected fees as the information becomes available.

To earn the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Dental Hygiene from Columbia Basin College, students complete 134 credits. There are 46 prerequisite credits that must be completed prior to admittance to the Dental Hygiene program. There are 88 Dental Hygiene credits that are taken over seven quarters once admitted. All Dental Hygiene courses must be satisfactorily completed in sequence prior to graduation as designated by the State of Washington Dental Practice Act guidelines for Dental Hygiene curriculum.

Students can expect to study outside of class, lab and clinical approximately 3-4 hours per week for each scheduled course hour.

Application Checklist

Must be completed and submitted **with** application by January 28, 2013.

Applicant Name: _____

- ❑ Completed CBC Application, including fee of $28.30
- ❑ Meet all other Columbia Basin College entrance requirements
- ❑ Complete Dental Hygiene Application for Admissions for Fall 2013
- ❑ Dental Hygiene Application fee of $29 paid (in addition to the CBC application fee)
- ❑ Critical Thinking Skills test through CBC Assessment Center or approved proctored location. Have test results sent to the Admissions Office prior to the application deadline.
- ❑ Submit plan for completion of all prerequisite coursework enrolled in during Winter quarter and planned for Spring quarter 2013 (this plan must include a list of remaining course titles and course numbers, the college where they will be taken, and credits to be earned.)
- ❑ Attach a copy of registration into Winter Quarter class schedule from college you are attending if you are still taking prerequisite courses
- ❑ All required science courses have been completed in the past 7 years
- ❑ Official college transcripts from other colleges have been sent directly to the CBC Admissions Office (must be requested by the applicant)
- ❑ Official High School transcript or copy of GED sent directly to the CBC Admissions Office
- ❑ **If submitting <u>optional</u> employment verification** – Complete the Verification of Employment form; submit with the application to the Admissions office
- ❑ **If submitting <u>optional</u> Community Service/Volunteer work** – Complete the Verification of Community Service form, submit with the application to the Admissions office
- ❑ Include **copies** of CDA certificate, AA or AS Degrees, BA, BS, or Masters Degrees from the institution granting the degree, if applicable **(do not send original Certificates or Degrees)**

Plan for Prerequisite Completion

- ❑ I do not require a Plan for Completion, all of my Prerequisites are complete
- ❑ Winter Quarter Plan for Completion:

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- ❑ Spring Quarter Plan for Completion:

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Last Name	First	Middle	Previous Name(s)
CBC Student ID Number		Did you submit a CBC Application with this package?	
Address	City	State	Zip
Day Phone	Evening Phone	Email Address	

Education: Attach **copies** of degrees/certificates to this page. Official transcripts must also be sent to the CBC Admissions office in a sealed envelope from the original institution.

High School Attended	City	State	Date Graduated
College or University	City	State	Dates Attended/Degree Completed
College or University	City	State	Dates Attended/Degree Completed
College or University	City	State	Dates Attended/Degree Completed

If you have attended Dental Assisting or Dental Hygiene programs, please complete the following: (Attach **copy** of Certificate)

School or Institution	City	State	Dates Attended/Degree Completed
School or Institution	City	State	Dates Attended/Degree Completed

Signature and Assurances:
By signing below, I verify the information contained throughout my application materials has been provided honestly and to the best of my ability. I understand the materials I have provided are considered to be my full and complete application to which placement into the Columbia Basin College Dental Hygiene program will be evaluated.

Student Printed Name	Student Signature	Date

Mail to: **Columbia Basin College**
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Verification of Community Service (Optional)

(Volunteer work in a dental office is not counted as a Community Service)
100 Hours Completed Within Past Two Years
Due by January 28, 2013

Applicant mail to: **Columbia Basin College**
Admissions, MS-H4
2600 North 20th Avenue
Pasco, WA 99301

Applicant Name: _____

Contact Phone Number(s): _____

Date of Activity or Range of Dates	Organization and Description of Activity	Hours Worked	Supervisor or Contact Person Initials/Signature (Required)	Phone Numbers for Verification (Required)

These hours must be completed within the previous two years of submission of the application to the Dental Hygiene program.

Make additional copies as necessary.

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Verification of Dental Office Employment (Optional)

Due by January 28, 2013

Employer mail to: **Columbia Basin College**
Admissions, MS-H4
2600 North 20th Avenue
Pasco, WA 99301

Applicant/ Employee Name: _____

Position(s) Held: _____

Start Date: _____

End Date: _____

Total Hours Worked in Past Five Years: _____

Specific Duties: _____

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Company Name: _____

Supervisor Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact Address: _____

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

Use one form per employer. Make additional copies as necessary.