

Program prerequisites

(Science course must be current within last five years)

- Biology 223
- Biology 224
- Chemistry 121
- Biology 251
- CHEM 220
- COM 113

It is strongly advised that the accepted applicant have completed all general education courses prior to entering the program.

General education courses (Associate of Science Degree)

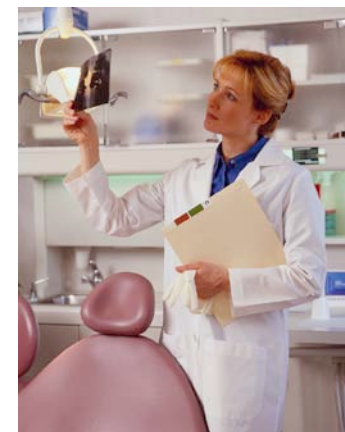
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| DIVERSITY* | 3 credits | |
| ENGLISH | 6 credits | Required: ENG 101* and ENG 102 |
| FINE ARTS | 3 credits | Recommended: ART 270 (meets diversity) |
| HUMANITIES | 3 credits | Required: PHIL 135 |
| MATHEMATICS | 6 credits | Required: MATH 126 & MATH 152 (or 6 credits of higher Math courses) |
| SOCIAL SCIENCE | 6 credits | Required: SOC 101 or PSY 101 |
| US and NV CONSTITUTIONS* | 3 credits | |
| *Recommend PSC 101 | | |

About TMCC

Since 1971, TMCC has assisted students in adapting to the changing economy through academic transfer, occupational, certification and community service programs. TMCC, accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, provides a full range of student services including academic advisement, counseling, study skills and developmental courses, tutoring, services for the physically challenged, career guidance and on-site child care facilities. Visit our Web site at www.tmcc.edu.

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Dental Hygiene



Associate of Science Degree

Dental Hygiene Program
7000 Dandini Blvd., RDMT 415A
Reno, NV 89512

Dental Clinic Office
www.tmcc.edu/dental/hygiene
775-673-8247

The profession

The registered dental hygienist is dedicated to providing education as well as preventive and therapeutic dental hygiene care. Some of the responsibilities routinely performed by dental hygienists in Nevada include

- oral cancer screening,
- examining periodontal (gum and bone) structure around and supporting teeth,
- exposing and interpreting radiographs,
- scaling and root planing procedures,
- administering topical fluoride treatments,
- applying pit and fissure sealants,
- administering local anesthesia and nitrous-oxide sedation,
- designing and implementing treatment plans for individuals,
- designing and implementing oral health programs for groups and
- providing dental health education for individuals and groups.

Career opportunities

The registered dental hygienist has the opportunity to pursue a career in a variety of settings. Employment opportunities include

- clinical practice,
- health clinics, nursing homes and schools,
- research,
- public health and industry and
- education and administration.

The need for professional dental hygienists is expected to continue to rise.

The program

TMCC has developed a four-semester (two-year) dental hygiene program, accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. The program is located on the Dandini Campus with a state-of-the-art dental clinic. Curriculum includes comprehensive education in dental hygiene sciences and clinical dental hygiene treatment, employing high quality competency-based instruction methods and materials. Please contact the dental clinic office (RDMT 415A) at 775-673-8247 or visit our Web site at www.tmcc.edu/dental/hygiene for updated program information.

Minimum requirements

The minimum admission requirements to TMCC's dental hygiene program include

- High school diploma or GED
- submitting a completed TMCC new student application
- submitting a completed TMCC dental hygiene program application,
- completing dental hygiene program prerequisites;
- a minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale in general education and prerequisite college work,
- a minimum of eight* hours of dental office observation (*subject to change)

Must have taken the DH Accuplacer test within 2 years

Out-of-state applicants call for information regarding Accuplacer

Program cost

*Estimated cost for in the two-year program (tuition, textbooks, student kit, health examinations, health insurance and miscellaneous expenses) is estimated at \$11,000 (*Subject to change.)*

Financial aid

Various financial aid programs are available to students. Information is available from the TMCC financial aid office in RDMT 315C. Financial aid staff can be reached at 775-673-7072.

Application process

Admission to TMCC does not imply or guarantee admission to the dental hygiene program. Students are admitted in the fall semester of each year in a limited and competitive admission process. Application and information are available at the Starting Point.. Eligible applicants are randomly ranked using the following system.

| Criteria | Point Value | |
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| Cumulative GPA | 3.5 – 4.0 | 30 |
| | 2.90 – 3.49 | 25 |
| | 2.75 – 2.89 | 20 |
| Science GPA | 3.5 – 4.0 | 30 |
| | 2.90 – 3.49 | 25 |
| | 2.75 – 2.89 | 20 |
| Completion of the seven general education categories (5 points each) | | 35 |
| Dental Hygiene ACCUPLACER | | |
| Sentence Skills | 113-120 | 2 |
| | 106-112 | 1 |
| Reading | | |
| Comprehension | 100-120 | 2 |
| | 84 – 99 | 1 |
| Writeplacer | 7 - 8 | 2 |
| | 6 | 1 |
| Full-time dental office employment | | 3 |
| Part-time (12-29 hrs/wk) | | 2 |
| Associate of Art/Associate of Science Degree | | 1 |
| Baccalaureate Degree | | 3 |
| Graduate of accredited DA program OR | | 3 |
| Current CDA/RDA License (proof required) | | |
| Certification from DA program | | 1 |
| Nevada Resident OR | | 2 |
| Good Neighbor | | 1 |
| Previous Applicant | | 2 |

Applicants selected as well as alternates are informed and **MUST** attend the orientation meeting. Failure to attend without notifying the program director results in replacement by an alternate at orientation. Contact the program director, if unable to attend.

* Admission criteria are reviewed annually by the TMCC DH program screening committee and are subject to change. Please contact the dental hygiene program at 775-673-8247 for current information.