

SELECTION PROCEDURES, NOTIFICATION TIMELINE, AND POLICIES ON INFECTIOUS DISEASE STATUS AND INFECTION CONTROL

Application Timeline

The Dental Hygiene Application will open November 1 until January 31 of each year.

Placement into the Program

20 selected and 35 alternates will be chosen from among the qualified applicants.

- Twenty students having the highest point totals are placed into the class.
- All other qualified students are put on the Alternate List. Positions on the Alternate List are assigned in order from highest to lowest point total.
- If a student who has been placed into the class decides not to accept placement into the program, the next alternate on the list will be offered a place in the program.
- Instrument kit cost is approximately \$5,900 (required upon enrollment and is subject to change).
- Program cost for 2 years is approximately \$12,000 (includes enrollment fees, textbooks, instrument kit, liability insurance, uniforms, fees for exam licensure)
- Accommodations can be made for additional time, visual enhancement on theory tests but only through the Disabled Student Center. A student must be registered and tested through the center on the Chabot campus. Accommodations cannot be made in the dental hygiene program for clinical practice and skills.
- All selected students are required to submit required forms to the Dental Hygiene Program by August 1st. Failure to complete the documentation or failure to fulfill the vaccination requirements will result in forfeiture of your position in the program or termination from the program.
- An applicant for licensure under California State Regulations shall furnish fingerprint images for submission to state and federal criminal justice agencies, including, but not limited to, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in order to establish the identity of the applicant. For more information regarding licensure regulations: <http://www.dhcc.ca.gov/lawsregs/index.shtml>
- For more information about licensure, contact the Dental Hygiene Committee of California at (916) 263-1978 or by email: www.dhcc.ca.gov

Notification Timeline

All applicants will be notified by U.S. postal mail no later than **May 15th** :

- 20 Selected
- 35 Alternates
- Applicants not selected and ineligible

Reapplication for Student Placement

- Decline Selection: Students who are selected the previous fall(s) and declines admission prior to the first day of class in August for personal, financial or medical reason will be allowed to reapply. No additional points will be awarded from the initial selection and the student must meet new / current standards of selection for each fall.
- Declined in order to attend another dental hygiene program: If student declines and has begun coursework in another dental hygiene program and then reapplies to the Chabot dental hygiene program, we will not accept any completed dental hygiene courses for Chabot coursework except the same course(s) offered for substitution to all other incoming students.
- Reapplication: If a student was selected and began the program in the first semester and withdraws from the program during that semester for any reason they may reapply to the program. However, this student may be placed in the last position of the alternate listing.
- Alternate Ranking: In the event more than one student meets the reapplication criteria, students who are placed on the end of the alternate list will be ranked according to total points scored on the admission criteria.
- A student who successfully completes year one of the Dental Hygiene Curriculum and withdraws from the program may be able to return to complete the second year curriculum dependent on space availability and is not a guarantee.

Policies on Infectious Disease Status and Infection Control

Preventing Transmission of Bloodborne Pathogens

The prevention of cross contamination and transmission of infection to all persons, including: patients, Dental Health Care Professionals (DHCP), faculty, students, and non-clinical staff is the professional responsibility of all dental personnel. The Chabot College Hygiene Program has adopted policies and procedures that represent a comprehensive and practical infection control program, based upon federal guidelines (Center for Disease Control). A fundamental principle of an effective infection control program is to exercise care, precautions and effective control techniques that can keep infectious microbes within manageable limits of the body's normal resistance to disease. Individuals at high risk of infectious diseases (HBV, HCV and HIV) among DHCP are those who perform tasks that might involve contact with blood, blood-contaminated body substances, other body fluids, or sharps should be vaccinated. Vaccination can protect both DHCP and patients from infectious diseases and whenever possible should be completed when DHCP are in training and before they have contact with blood. Compliance with these policies and procedures are an ethical obligation and responsibility of all participants in the delivery of care at Chabot College.

Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health Care Setting—2003, 12/19/03
52(RR17); 1-61. <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/bloodbornepathogens/index.html>

Additional information about minimum standards for infection control and protection of the student clinician and patients may be reviewed at: http://www.dbc.ca.gov/lawsregs/regulations/ch1_article1.shtml