



MCC's Dental Hygiene A.A.S. program is offered in the Fall semester; approximately 30-38 students are admitted each year. All applicants meeting the minimum admission requirements by the application deadline will be considered (see "Admission Requirements" below). MCC maintains a competitive admission process for this program based on a point system. When there are more applicants than seats available, the competitive admission process will be used to distribute seats (see "Selection Criteria" below).

Applicants who are not selected for the upcoming semester, do not meet admission requirements, or who apply after the deadline will be admitted into another program (i.e. Health Studies Clinical Track or Liberal Arts General Studies) and are encouraged to work with an academic advisor toward their goal. Students will benefit from reviewing [MCC's Dental Hygiene program information](#), as well as occupational information via [O*NET](#).

Application Deadline and Notification

The application is available mid-September. The deadline for Fall 2024 is **January 31, 2024**. Admission notifications will be sent by **March 15, 2024**.

How to Apply

- Currently enrolled, matriculated students are required to apply online by submitting a major change request for DH01 (sign-in to myMCC, Student Home or Academic Plan tile, Change Major link).
- New, transfer, returning, and non-matriculated students are required to apply through the Admissions Office by completing an [Admissions Application](#).
- Students must reapply each semester if not selected for the upcoming semester or if declining/deferring admission.

Admission Requirements

The following requirements (or equivalent transfer credit) must be completed prior to the application deadline. Science courses must include a lab. High school classes must be at least a one credit course; half credit courses do not meet the required prerequisite. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

- **Math:** Students must be at MCC Mathematics Level 6 or higher (placement is based on academic history or the math ACCUPLACER exam and is good for 3 years); OR have a C or better in MTH 098 or MTH 099 (or higher); OR have a B- or better in MTH 096.
- **Biology:** A grade of C or better in high school biology/living environment or BIO 120, BIO 132 & 133, BIO 134, BIO 142, BIO 144, or BIO 155.
- **Chemistry:** A grade of C or better in high school chemistry or CHE 100, CHE 124, CHE 145, or CHE 151
- **ENG 101 placement** (students are not required to have the course complete, but must be ready to take it)
- **GPA requirement** can be met one of the following ways:
 - 2.75 cumulative GPA OR
 - 2.5 cumulative GPA with a 3.0 GPA in quality point classes completed prior to the application deadline (ENG 101, PSY 101, BIO 134/135 or BIO 144/145, BIO 202, and BIO 217).
 - Please note: cumulative GPA is calculated using all credit bearing coursework at previous colleges; students who have previously attended MCC must have a 2.0 or higher at MCC, even if they meet the GPA requirement through credits at another institution.

- New York State resident or, if international, must reside in NYS.
- All official transcripts, including high school, AP, IB, dual credit, or other institutions, must be on file with the Admissions Office by the application deadline.

Please note: Due to COVID-19 during the 2020-2021 school year, interpretation of the high school prerequisite may vary based on the school district's grading policy, specifically if a numeric grade is not posted on the high school transcript. For example, in the event that the school district posted "Pass with Distinction/Pass/Fail" grades, only "Pass with Distinction" will be acceptable unless additional documentation from the school district is provided. Please speak to a staff member in Admissions or Advisement to determine prerequisite eligibility.

Selection Criteria

When the number of applicants exceeds the number of available seats in the Dental Hygiene program, selection is based on the calculation of **quality points** earned in the following courses (or equivalent transfer credit). Students are then ranked from highest to lowest number of quality points and admission is granted to the students with the most points. See the quality point chart at the end of this document.

Quality Point Classes

- BIO 134 – Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology I (3 credits) **or** BIO 144 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits)
- BIO 135 – Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology II (3 credits) **or** BIO 145 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credits)
- BIO 202 – Microbiology (4 credits)
- BIO 217 – Nutrition (3 credits)
- ENG 101 – College Composition (3 credits) or ENG 200 – Advanced Composition (3 credits)
- PSY 101 – Introduction to Psychological Science (3 credits)

Please note the following regarding BIO coursework:

- Students must complete Anatomy & Physiology as a corresponding pair (134/135 or 144/145). Given the same grade, taking BIO 144/145 will give an applicant more points than BIO 134/135.
- BIO 134/135 or BIO 144/145, and BIO 202 must be no more than seven (7) years old when the applicant is accepted for admission.
- Quality points for Anatomy & Physiology coursework will be increased by 25%.
- There is a repeat policy for Anatomy & Physiology; see below.

Additional points will be awarded for the following criteria

- Honorably Discharged Military Veterans or Current Service Members will be awarded one (1) additional quality point.
- Applicants with a Bachelor's degree by the application deadline will be awarded one (1) additional point.
- Applicants with a Master's degree by the application deadline will be awarded two (2) additional points.
- Students who have previously completed MCC's Dental Assisting Rapid Track (DA03 DART) program or on campus Dental Assisting (DA01) program will be awarded one (1) additional point.
- Applicants who provide proof of current NYS licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant will earn one (1) additional point. A copy of the license must be on file with the Admissions Office by the application deadline.

- Applicants who provide proof of current NYS licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant may also earn an additional two (2) points based on employment. The applicant's supervising dentist will need to write a notarized letter indicating that the applicant has worked a minimum of 1000 hours as a NYS licensed Registered Dental Assistant within the past three years. The notarized letter must be submitted to the Admissions Office and be dated no earlier than six months prior to the January 31st application deadline.

Anatomy and Physiology Repeat Policy

- No more than one unsuccessful attempt in any Anatomy & Physiology coursework (BIO 134/135 or BIO 144/145 or equivalent courses) is permitted within the past seven years. Students with two or more unsuccessful attempts in any combination of the Anatomy & Physiology coursework within the past seven years are ineligible for the program. For example, a student with two unsuccessful attempts in BIO 144 would be ineligible, as would a student with one unsuccessful attempt in BIO 144 and one in BIO 145.
- Unsuccessful attempts are defined as withdrawals (W), grades of C- or below, or Unsatisfactory (U).
- Unsuccessful attempts at other institutions are included in this policy.
- Due to COVID-19, unsuccessful attempts in BIO 144 and 145 at MCC or another institution during Spring, Summer, and Fall 2020 will NOT be counted.

Admission Profile (Fall 2023 admitted class)

- 30 students admitted, including 4 high school admits. Approximately 120 qualified applicants for Fall 2023.
- The initial quality point cut off was 66. The maximum number of possible points is 100.

Additional Notes Regarding Admission

- Admission is conditional upon completion of medical requirements, clearance of existing health problem(s), and ability to meet essential functions (physical and mental demands) of the program. See requirements at: [Health Services](#) and [Dental Studies Technical Standards & Essential Functions](#).
- If admitted to the program, the student's class schedule will be assigned by the department. Students must be available to take classes during the day and evening.
- If admitted to the program, students **MUST** have CPR – Health Care Provider (with AED) provided by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association by August 15th. Online courses not accepted. Course can be arranged on campus by Dental Studies during the summer via the Health Professions Program.
- Students are required to recruit patients in order to meet clinical requirements.
- Students who have previously been matriculated in the Dental Hygiene program at MCC or another institution should refer to the re-admission policy as described in the [Dental Hygiene program of study](#).
- Grading system notes:
 - MCC grades of Satisfactory (S) equate to a C; Pass (P) equates to a D-; and Unsatisfactory (U) equates to an F.
 - Transfer credits earned at institutions who use a S/U or P/F grading system where a S or P equates to a C or higher will receive quality points equivalent to a C.
 - AP scores of 3, 4, or 5 equate to C, B, or A respectively.

Quality Points for 4 credit classes: BIO 144, BIO 145, and BIO 202

Points are only awarded for grade of C or higher in BIO 144 & 145.

Grade	Value of Grade	Quality Point Value	Points increased by 25% for BIO 144 & BIO 145 if this A&P course completed
A	4.0	16.0	20.0
A-	3.7	14.8	18.5
B+	3.3	13.2	16.5
B	3.0	12.0	15.0
B-	2.7	10.8	13.5
C+	2.3	9.2	11.5
C	2.0	8.0	10.0
C-	1.7	6.8	8.5
D+	1.3	5.2	6.5
D	1.0	4.0	5.0
D-	.7	2.8	3.5

Quality Points for 3 credit classes: BIO 134, BIO 135, BIO 217, ENG 101/200, and PSY 101

Points are only awarded for grade of C or higher in BIO 134 & 135.

Grade	Value of Grade	Quality Point Value	Points increased by 25% for BIO 134 & BIO 135 if this A&P course completed
A	4.0	12.0	15.0
A-	3.7	11.1	13.875
B+	3.3	9.9	12.375
B	3.0	9.0	11.25
B-	2.7	8.1	10.125
C+	2.3	6.9	8.625
C	2.0	6.0	7.5
C-	1.7	5.1	6.375
D+	1.3	3.9	4.875
D	1.0	3.0	3.75
D-	.7	2.1	2.625

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