



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 admission requirements by the application deadline will be considered. MCC maintains a selective and competitive admissions process for this program based on a point system. Therefore, if there are more applicants than seats available, a competitive admission process will be used to distribute seats (see "Selection Criteria" below).

Applicants who do not meet the admission requirements or who are not selected for the upcoming semester will be admitted into another program at MCC (i.e. Health Studies – Clinical Track or Liberal Arts) and can work with an academic advisor toward their goal.

## Application Deadline and Notification

Application is available mid-September. The deadline for Fall 2022 is January 31, 2022. Admission notifications will be sent by March 15, 2022.

## How to Apply

- Currently enrolled, matriculated students are required to apply online (myMCC, Students tab, My Account tab, Academic Advising, request a change of major).
- 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 upcoming semester or if declining/deferring admission.

## Admission Requirements

All prerequisite courses or equivalent transfer credit must have a minimum grade of "C" for eligibility for admission and must be completed prior to the application deadline. Science courses must include a lab. All 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.

*Please note: interpretation of the high school prerequisite may vary based on the school district's grading policy during 2020/2021 (due to COVID) 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.*

- **Math:** High school algebra or MTH 098 at MCC or equivalent/higher college level math.
- **Biology:** High school biology/living environment OR one of the following courses at MCC or equivalent transfer credit: BIO 120, 132 & 133, BIO 134, BIO 142, BIO 144, or 155.
- **Chemistry:** High school chemistry or CHE 100, CHE 124, CHE 145, or CHE 151 at MCC or equivalent transfer credit with a grade of "C" or better
- **2.75 cumulative GPA required**, including all credit bearing coursework at previous colleges
- US citizen or have Permanent Resident Status by the application deadline date
- New York State resident
- Official transcripts, including high school, AP, IB, dual credit, or other institutions, must be on file with the Admissions Office by the application deadline for transfer credit evaluation.

## Selection Criteria

When the number of applicants exceeds the available number of seats in the Dental Hygiene program, selection is based on the calculation of **quality points** earned in the following courses at MCC 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, only take if BIO 134 was previously completed) or BIO 145 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II\* (4 credits, only take if BIO 144 was previously completed)
- 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, formerly Introduction to Psychology)

#### **Additional notes regarding Anatomy & Physiology:**

- Given the same grade, taking BIO 144 and BIO 145 (or previously BIO 142 and BIO 143) will give an applicant more points than BIO 134 and BIO 135
- Quality points for the Anatomy & Physiology courses will be increased by 25%.
- If BIO 142 (Human Anatomy) and BIO 143 (Human Physiology) were both successfully completed (with grades of “C” or better), they will be substituted for BIO 144 and 145.
- See repeat policy and time limit information on page 3 and 4.

#### ***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 (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 NYS license must be on file with the Admissions Office by the application deadline.
- Applicants who are NYS Licensed Registered Dental Assistants may have the opportunity to earn an additional two (2) points for Dental Hygiene selection 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 by the application deadline.

## Admission Profile (Fall 2021 admitted class)

- 30 students admitted. Typically, 3-4 seats are reserved for high school students. Approximately 125 qualified applicants for Fall 2021.
- The initial quality point cut off was 68. The maximum number of possible points is 85.
- Approximately 90% of the students admitted had completed all six quality point courses by the application deadline.
- Approximately 80% of the students admitted took BIO 144 & 145 (or previously BIO 142 & 143).

## 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](#).
- COVID-19 Vaccination will be required of all students entering Dental Hygiene per the NYS COVID Vaccine Mandate for any student who participates in a clinical rotation (effective 8/27/21). Very limited Medical exemptions will be allowed. No religious exemptions will be allowed.
- BIO 134, 135, 142, 143, BIO 144, BIO 145, and BIO 202 must be no more than seven (7) years old for the grade to be considered when the applicant is accepted for admission.
- 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.
- 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.

## Anatomy & Physiology Repeat Course Policy

- No more than one unsuccessful attempt in any Anatomy & Physiology coursework (BIO 134, 135, 142, 143, 144, and 145) 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 to apply. For example, a student with two unsuccessful attempts in BIO 144 would be ineligible to apply. Or, a student with one unsuccessful attempt in BIO 144 and one in BIO 145 would also be ineligible to apply.
- Unsuccessful attempts are defined as withdrawals (W), grades of "C-" or below, or Unsatisfactory (U).
- Unsuccessful attempts at previous 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 as an unsuccessful attempt under the repeat policy.

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

Points 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 (or previously BIO 142 & BIO 143) 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 awarded for grade of C or higher in BIO 134 & 135.

Grade	Value of Grade	Quality Point Value	Points increased by 25% (1.25) 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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