



MCC's [Dental Hygiene AAS degree program](#) (DH01) prepares students for licensure and practice as a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH). Upon successful completion of requirements, students will graduate with an Associate of Applied Science degree and are eligible to take the National Board and regional licensing examinations.

- The program is offered in the fall semester only. There are 30-38 seats available each fall.
- Applicants must meet all admission requirements and apply by the deadline to be eligible for the program (see “How to Apply” at the end of this document).
- Admission is competitive; therefore, meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission. Students who are not admitted to the Dental Hygiene program will be admitted to Health Studies and can work towards future admission.
- Students are strongly encouraged to work with an advisor when planning for this program.

Admission Requirements

- **A minimum grade of C is required in all prerequisite and program coursework.** Grading notations that indicate only a passing grade will not count. High school courses must be at least one credit and science courses must include a lab. Equivalent [transfer credit](#) is accepted.
 - Math: level 6 placement or MTH 096, 098, 099, 104, 160 (or higher).
 - Biology: high school biology/living environment or BIO 120, 132/133, 134, 144, or 155
 - Chemistry: high school chemistry or CHE 100, 124, 145, or 151
 - English: students must be English 101 ready.
- All official transcripts, including high school, AP, IB, CLEP, dual credit, and any previously attended institutions, must be on file with the Admissions office.
- **A 2.75 cumulative GPA or a 2.5 cumulative GPA with a 3.0 in any completed quality point classes** (BIO 134/135/144/145/202/217, ENG 101/200, PSY 101).
 - Cumulative GPA is calculated using credit bearing coursework from ALL institutions attended. MCC GPA must be at least a 2.0, even if other coursework meets the requirement.
- NYS residency or, if international, must have resided in NYS for one year.

Competitive Admission

- When the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of seats available, a quality point system will be used to determine admission.
- Applicants are awarded quality points based on the grades earned in the classes listed below and are then ranked from highest to lowest number of quality points. The applicants with the highest number of quality points are admitted. Applicants do not need to have all quality point classes done to apply, but the more they have completed and the higher the grade, the more competitive they will be. Please refer to the quality point chart at the end of this document.
- Quality point courses must be completed with a **C or better** prior to the application deadline to count.
- Anatomy & Physiology quality points are increased by 25%.

Quality point courses:

- BIO 134 Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology I (3 credits) or BIO 144 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4 credits)
- BIO 135 Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology II (3 credits) or BIO 145 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credits)
 - It is recommended to work with an advisor when choosing the Anatomy & Physiology sequence. Given the same grade, BIO 144/145 is worth more quality points than BIO 134/135.
- 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)

Additional points are awarded for the following criteria:

- Military Service (current or honorably discharged veteran) – 1 point
- Bachelor's degree – 1 point
- Master's degree – 2 points
- Completion of one of MCC's dental assisting programs (DA01 or DART) – 1 point
- Current NYS licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant (copy of license must be on file with Admissions) – 1 point
- Applicants who provide proof of current NYS licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant may earn an additional two (2) points based on employment. The applicant's supervising dentist will need to submit 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.

Admission Profile & Waitlist Information

- The point cutoff for the most recently admitted class: 68. Maximum possible points: 100.
- Once the top-ranking applicants are admitted, the next group is placed on a waitlist and notified by email of their waitlist number. If any of the admitted students decline their seat, the seat is offered to the next person on the waitlist. The waitlist closes approximately one month prior to the start of the semester and does NOT carry over from year to year. If not admitted, students will be notified when the waitlist closes and must reapply during the next application window.

Important Program Policies & Additional Notes

- Anatomy & Physiology coursework (BIO 134/135 or BIO 144/145) and Microbiology (BIO 202) must be no more than seven years old at the time of admission.
- Students are permitted **no more than one unsuccessful attempt in any combination of Anatomy & Physiology coursework within the past seven years** (BIO 134, 135, 144, and 145 or equivalent courses). More than one unsuccessful attempt within seven years will result in a student being ineligible for MCC's program. Unsuccessful attempts include withdrawals, grades of C- or below, or any other

unsatisfactory completion. This policy includes attempts at other institutions. Unsuccessful attempts during 2020 (spring, summer, or fall) will NOT be counted due to the pandemic.

- If admitted, all dental hygiene program coursework must be completed with a grade of **C or better** to remain in the program.
- Admission is conditional on medical clearance and the ability to meet the program's essential functions. More information: [Dental Studies Technical Standards & Essential Functions](#) and [Health Services](#).
- If admitted to the program, students must be available to take classes during the day and evening. Exact schedules are assigned by the Dental Studies Department.
- Admitted students **MUST** complete CPR for the 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 during the summer via the Health Professions Department.
- 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 at another institution, should refer to the readmission policy in the [Dental Hygiene program of study](#) and should speak with an advisor or admissions representative to determine eligibility.

How to Apply

All qualified applicants who apply by the deadline will be considered. Admission is based on quality points and no advantage is given to any particular group of students (current vs new, etc.).

For new, returning, or transfer students:

Please apply via [MCC's online application](#) and select DH01 as the program.

- Fall admission: the application is available mid-September, and the application deadline is **January 31st**. Admission decisions are made by March 15th.
- Decisions are communicated via the email address used on the application.

For current MCC students:

Please apply by submitting a **major change request** for DH01. The major change request serves as your application. This can be done by signing into your myMCC student portal, selecting the Student Home or Academic Plan tile, then clicking the Change Major link and selecting the term you are applying for.

- Fall admission: the major change request is available mid-September, and the deadline is **January 31st**. Admission decisions are made by March 15th.
- Decisions are communicated via MCC student email

Quality Points for 4-credit courses (BIO 144, BIO 145, BIO 202)

Grade	Value of Grade	Quality Point Value	Points increased by 25% for BIO 144 & 145
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

Quality Points for 3-credit courses (ENG 101/200, PSY 101, BIO 217)

Grade	Value of Grade	Quality Point Value	Points increased by 25% for BIO 134 & 135
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

The quality point values are determined by multiplying the value of the course grade by the course credits.

Course equivalency information: [Quality Point Classes for Health Related Pathway \(monroecc.edu\)](https://www.monroecc.edu/quality-point-classes-for-health-related-pathway)

While every effort is made to ensure that information in this guide is accurate, admission requirements and policies are subject to change. This information is a guide and is not meant to take the place of academic advisement. Updated July 2024