The actual length of time elapsing before entry into the dental hygiene program will be determined by how many students apply for the program, the number of students relinquishing their place in the class and the restriction on class size. The clinical phase of the program is two years in length.

The cost of completing the Dental Hygiene Program is subject to change. Please check with the college regarding tuition and admission fees.

**Students will be required to participate as both operator and as patient as part of the educational experience.** Students wishing to enter the dental hygiene program, are expected to write, read, and spell at a college level. Physical stamina, manual dexterity, and coordination are essential for the safety of both the student and the patient.

It is strongly recommended that students entering the Dental Hygiene Program not be in the process of having orthodontic treatment. Orthodontic bands prohibit lab partners from acquiring basic skills required in the initial Dental Hygiene education.

The student is responsible for notifying the Dental Hygiene Coordinator, MMB 2040, in writing, of any change of name, address, and telephone number, as well as the Registrar’s Office located in the Prahl College Center.

The class list is finalized as early in the year as possible to allow for the accomplishment of physical exams, procurement of uniforms, supplies, and adjustment of living patterns. Any student who must relinquish his/her place in a dental hygiene class should notify the Program Coordinator as soon as possible to allow time for another student to enter the class. A student may decline acceptance twice, before needing to re-apply to the current eligibility list.

**How To Get Accepted Into The Dental Hygiene Program:**

1. The student must be officially admitted to the College.
2. The student must declare dental hygiene as a program major with the Advising Office.
3. The student must complete all eligibility requirements. *(Consult program handout).* Make sure all records documenting requirements are in your file with the advisor for Health Sciences.
4. The student must APPLY by submitting one “Dental Programs Supplemental Application” to the advisor for Health Sciences. The student is responsible for applying by January 30th.
5. The advisor for Health Sciences will verify the records and forward the student’s file to the Dental Hygiene Coordinator.
6. The student will be informed of acceptance by the Dental Hygiene Coordinator.

**CONVICTION FOR ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSE MAY RENDER A CANDIDATE INELIGIBLE FOR DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSURE**
I have received and read the program handout for the dental hygiene program.  **I ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR KNOWING AND MEETING THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**  If I am a transfer student, it is my responsibility to check that transferred courses are accepted.  I accept the responsibility to keep current with program changes.  I accept the responsibility to follow the instructions on how to get accepted into the dental hygiene program.

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Date      Signature

Return this form to the Advisor for Health Sciences located in the Advising Center, Prahl College Center, Upper Level.