Virginia Western Community College has an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Dental Hygiene.

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The Dental Hygiene Program is a five semester program and we accept one time a year and classes will begin in the Fall which is usually in the mid to later part of August.

Let me begin by saying we do not have a waiting list for this program. We go through an acceptance process each year to consider all applicants that have made application---in this instance from May after February deadline through the application deadline of February 15, the following year.
This presentation will discuss the Admissions Criteria and Process, the prerequisites for the program, the Dental Hygiene Curriculum, a typical schedule for the first semester, if accepted, estimated cost of the program and some Admissions Statistics. You are also encouraged to view the catalog page for additional information regarding possible curriculum changes.

Let me also mention our Joint Venture Sites. While we accept at VWCC in Roanoke each year, we have alternating acceptance cycles with our Joint Venture sites. We have a Joint Venture Site at Lord Fairfax Community College which is located in Middletown, Virginia. We accept at this site for the Fall in even years. The application deadline for VWCC and Joint Venture LFCC will be February 15, of even years.

We accept in odd numbered years at our Joint Venture with Danville Community College located in Danville, VA. The application deadline for VWCC and Joint Venture DCC is February 15, of odd years.

Please note that the Dental Hygiene classroom environment consists of various modalities. While most courses originate from the main campus at VWCC, some courses may originate from one of the distance campuses.
The Dental Hygiene program is academically challenging in regards to it is a very intense program.

It does have a strong math and science orientation and studies have shown if students are successful in Math and Science they should be successful in a Health Professions program. That is one reason we have the math and science prerequisites for our program and that science and math is the basis for our courses.

The program does consist of classroom and clinical components. At VWCC, the clinical sites include a fully operational digital clinic on the Virginia Western Campus as well as several enrichment clinical sites such as the VA Medical Center, Roanoke Memorial Hospital, UVA in addition to other sites in the Roanoke area as well. The Joint Venture sites have a fully operational clinic that they utilize on their respective campuses and also have enrichment clinical rotations in their geographical regions as well.

The program consists of applying skills learned in the classroom and clinic. The students will work on each other for the first semester of the program to become proficient in instrumentation and policies and procedures. Students will work on the general public beginning in the Spring semester of the program.
The students enters into a cooperative relationship with their patients and part of the student’s job is to educate their patient on life style and behavior changes that could improve their oral and overall health—the patient is often issued goals to work on at home in between visits to the clinic.
In order to be considered for the fall Dental Hygiene program, you must be either a HS Graduate or have obtained a GED.

In addition, the courses required to be considered are Algebra I, (or units 1-5 at a Virginia Community College), Biology and Chemistry completed with a grade of “C” or higher by the end of Spring prior to fall admission in High School or college. (Biology and Chemistry must have a lab component.) If you took the classes in High School and the grades are on the semester system you will need to make a “C” or higher in each semester to be considered as having met the requirement. For instance, if you took Chemistry in High School and one semester made a “C” and the second semester you made a “D” with out a final grade being given, that is a class that you will need to repeat the course at a community college in order to fulfill the prerequisite. In college, one semester of each course passed with a grade of “C” or higher will be sufficient.

College level Anatomy and Physiology I and II are also required as pre-requisites by the end of Spring prior to fall admission. You can complete the series at other Institutions of BIO 231/232. The Anatomy and Physiology I and II must be completed within the last five years of beginning the program. Courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher. Recent Biology (within the last three years
is a pre-requisite for the BIO 141 course at VWCC with a passing grade of “C” or higher or NAS 2, completed with a grade of “S” within the last three years or completion of the challenge exam at 75% or higher within the last three years. Check with Counselors at other colleges to determine the prerequisite for their Anatomy and Physiology courses.

SDV 101-two credits—Orientation to Health Professions, which is designated with a “P” on the course listing. Please note that if you have obtained a Bachelor’s Degree (in the United States or provided documentation from an organization that indicates the equivalent of such in your country), we can waive the two credits of SDV 101 and award the two credits of SDV based on completion of the Bachelor’s Degree (or Associate Degree).

GPA is calculated at the end of the Fall semester, prior to the February deadline, because the Admissions Committee will meet prior to the end of the Spring semester. Your cumulative GPA must be a 2.75 or higher by the end of Fall prior to February deadline in order to be considered for the program. If you have attended college with a minimum of 12 credit hours of college credit that is the GPA we will go by to determine eligibility. College GPA must be based on at least 12 credit hours of college credit. We use the most recent educational experience with 12 credit hours of college credit to determine your GPA. However, if you have 63 credit hours, for example, at the same Institution, we will use the 63 credit cumulative GPA to determine your GPA. The GPA has to be a minimum of 12 credit hours, but we use the cumulative GPA of all credit hours completed at the same college.

The Admissions Committee reviews your entire academic history with emphasis being placed on your most recent educational experiences.

There are several situations: if you did not take HS seriously and have completed 22 credit hours of college credit with a 3.6 cumulative GPA----that is the GPA we will use to determine eligibility. However, if you have attended one college and completed 22 credit hours of college credit and have a 2.6—that would make you ineligible for consideration for the Fall program. However, you could take classes to increase your GPA and reapply to the program.
There are several steps that need to be completed in order to apply to the Dental Hygiene Program. The first step will be to complete a VWCC application making sure that you indicate you are interested in the pre-DNH program and that you will be a curricular student at VWCC. You may complete the VWCC application online. For our Joint Venture Applicants you will need to complete the VWCC application and an application to the host school like Lord Fairfax, or Danville C.C.. The applications for the Joint Venture sites are available online (http://apply.vccs.edu). By indicating at VWCC that you are interested in the pre-DNH program, this allows the Health Professions Information Office to know of your interest in the program. In addition, if you do not have a completed VWCC application on file and indicate that you are pre-DNH and transcripts begin to arrive in the Records Office (by accident), they will be unable to “match” your transcripts with your file and you will remain incomplete. If you have trouble with your VWCC application, you may contact the Enrollment Center at 540-857-7231 for assistance.

The next step would be to apply to the DH program itself. There is a separate application for this and it may be located on our website that contains not only the DH program application but all forms necessary to apply to the program. On the Dental Hygiene Application, please complete your first choice of program—ie a Joint Venture site or Roanoke.
You will also need to submit official transcripts from HS/copy of GED scores, and all colleges attempted (except the transcripts from VWCC or any other Community College in VA.) The transcripts do need to come to HPIO and they need to arrive in one envelope. It’s best to request HS and college transcripts to be mailed to you, do NOT open them, and when you have rec’d all of them, then mail them to: VWCC, School of Health Professions, ATTN: Pam Woody or School of Health Professions, 3091 Colonial Ave. SW, Roanoke, VA 24015 in one envelope. This will notify us that you have a completed academic file. Please be sure to send them to the Attn. of Pam Woody. If you mail your transcripts to the Admissions or Records Office, it delays your file from being processed. Once the HPIO receives your academic file, then we can begin to “process your file” and do a verification process. It is YOUR responsibility to request and determine if your academic file is complete by the deadline. We need OFFICIAL transcripts from ALL colleges attended/at tempted (except other Virginia Community Colleges—we can access that information from using the PeopleSoft system.) We also need official HS transcripts even if you have an advanced degree and we need HS if you completed a GED and attended at least thru 9th grade of HS. We need copy of your GED scores, if applicable. We also need two letters/forms of recommendation to arrive in one envelope. (The forms are available on our HP website.) The academic file may be sent prior to the two letters/forms of recommendation—however, all items must arrive by the application deadline of February 15. Please note that if you apply prior to the end of a semester in the Fall and you are attending a non-Virginia Community College—you will need to submit updated transcripts upon completion of the semester (December
of January) and forward those updated transcripts to the HPIO to make your academic file complete by the Feb 15 deadline.

It is YOUR responsibility to request and determine if your file is complete by the deadline.

The advising letter will be mailed upon completion of academic file and it will inform you of the prerequisites you have completed, the grade you rec’d in those classes, your GPA at point of application, and any college courses previously completed or currently enrolled in that can be used in DH curriculum. It will also inform you if you have submitted your letters and forms of recommendation. The advising letter typically takes 3-6 weeks from receipt of completed academic file to process. However, during deadline periods and registration periods there will be a delay as well as during the spring semester.

Deadline is **February 15** with no exceptions!

It is in your best interest to apply early so we can advise course selection for Spring semester and etc. Even if you lack some of the prerequisites, we update your record in January to reflect courses completed in Fall and your cumulative GPA at the end of Fall and which courses you are enrolled in for **Spring prior to fall admission**. If you apply from May to December and you are currently enrolled in a non-Virginia Community College, you will need to provide us updated transcripts reflecting your final grades in the Fall semester. This updated transcript must arrive by February 15.

For those students who are eligible to continue in the process, we notify them of the testing dates for the TEAS (which I will explain in the next slide). For those students who are ineligible to continue in the process you will receive a letter in February that will indicate why you are ineligible. The reasons may include missing items like letters/forms of recommendation or updated HS or college transcripts, or missing pre-requisites, or cumulative GPA is below the 2.75.
The letters are to be sealed in an envelope and returned to the applicant. When the applicant has received both sealed envelopes, they are to place the two sealed envelopes in one envelope and mail to HP at VWCC—deadline for receipt of the materials is **February 15, prior to fall admission**.

Please remember if you are a joint venture applicant applying for a future term, for instance DCC in odd years, you will need to submit your letters and forms of recommendation beginning in July one year prior to following fall admission and not before. They will be due by February 15, of the following year (odd year).

For LFCC you will need to submit your letters for Fall between July one year prior to following fall admission and February 15.
As part of the application process at VWCC (and Joint Venture Sites) we are requiring that every applicant bring this completed form verifying at least 16 hours of observation of dental hygiene procedures with them to the interview that is scheduled during the spring semester or to be prepared to submit with essay/interview information. This observation requirement is designed to familiarize the dental hygiene applicant with routine dental hygiene procedures. (Only dental hygiene observation is accepted.) The completed form will not be accepted until the time of the interview in spring and the applicant should come prepared to discuss their observations with the interviewer or prepared to discuss via written format for written interview process. Only qualified applicants who complete the TEAS VI will be required to submit this form during the interview (it is not to be submitted with the application).

Qualified students will need to complete the TEAS. The Test of Essential Academic Skills at their expense and the estimated cost is $60.00 but this can vary. Information regarding the cost, times and dates of the TEAS will be mailed in mid to late February for the VWCC & DCC applicants for their admission years. We must update all records of those who have applied with courses completed in the Fall and update their record to reflect what they are currently enrolled in for Spring. We notify everyone who applied prior to January of their eligibility to continue in the application process. If you are ineligible we also send you a letter and notify you of the reasons, which can be missing pre-requisites, low GPA, missing
transcripts, missing letters of recommendation and etc. For those qualified for VWCC & DCC they will return the TEAS registration letter with the check or money order to the HPIO.

LFCC applicants will need to complete the TEAS from February 15-March 15, after the February deadline. Only qualified applicants for the Joint Venture site will be eligible to complete the TEAS at the LFCC Testing Center. Their phone number is located here to assist you in making arrangements to complete the TEAS, if I notify you that you are eligible for consideration for the program. (Only the names of the eligible students will be given to the LFCC Testing Center and only those students will be allowed to test.) At VWCC, we usually administer the TEAS beginning in late February and continue in March on specific dates. Applicants for DCC program, will be given dates during Spring prior to fall admission for testing options.

The TEAS provides an objective measurement of your critical reading ability and evaluates your level of success with basic mathematics. Other parts of the TEAS evaluates your science knowledge of Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, General Science and Physical Science, your mathematical abilities, and your English Language Usage skills.
The interview will take place after we receive the results of your TEAS—which typically takes about four weeks. Therefore we will interview for all sites usually beginning in March and April. Often prior to the interview a written assignment will be due and the completed observation form will be due at the time of the interview and the interview itself will be in an individual format. Applicants are interviewed by either the Program Head of Dental Hygiene, Site Coordinator, or faculty member. Joint venture sites for odd years, those interviews will begin in March of odd years prior to fall admission. Joint venture site for even years, those interviews will begin in March of even years, prior to fall admission.
Anytime you move or change your name during the application process, you need to inform the Health Professions Information Office. We use a separate database than the college and if you inform Admissions, we will not know of the changes and we need to maintain contact with you in regards to the next step in the application process. We will need changes in writing with an identification number such as your student id and if your name changes, we will also need a copy of your marriage license or your driver’s license that reflects the name change.

You need to review the Essential Functions and need to make sure that you are able to perform these functions or if we can make reasonable accommodations for the disability.

If you have been convicted of a Felony or misdemeanor, you need to contact the Virginia Board of Dentistry as this may prevent you from sitting for your Boards. In addition, we require a clear criminal background check and a negative drug screening for our clinical sites. You must have a clear criminal background and negative drug screening in order to participate in clinical facilities. If you are unable to achieve this, you will not be allowed to go to clinical and therefore will not be able to achieve the clinical objectives of the program.
Your Admission is contingent upon satisfactory receipt of medical examination, the required CPR certification, professional liability insurance, observation in a dental office, negative drug screening and clear criminal background check.

Attend one day Dental Hygiene orientation.

Maintain a “C” average in dental hygiene and Microbiology (BIO 150 or BIO 205) courses.

Purchase lab supplies, uniforms, and instrument kit.

Provide transportation to and from agencies.

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Provide transportation to and from agencies.

You must maintain at least a “C” average in dental hygiene and the Microbiology science course.

It is your responsibility to purchase lab supplies, uniforms, and the instrument kit, once again information will be sent regarding these items in orientation packet and discussed at new student orientation typically held in the summer prior to fall program.

Provide your own transportation to and from agencies that we use for our clinical sites.
It is required that you have a clear criminal background check and negative drug and alcohol screening at your expense prior to admission. The estimated cost of this is $100.00.

Everyone must be prepared to attend clinicals during the day and evenings.

Meet minimum client competency requirements for each clinical semester.

Meet total client requirements for graduation.
National Boards are generally given in an on-line format can be taken after March.

Regional Clinical Boards are usually taken between April and June depending on the individual student.
Depending on your academic history it may be necessary for you to take a placement evaluation at the campus you are planning on completing courses. When we review your academic file, we can determine if you need to take the Placement Evaluations. The placement evaluation, which is called VPT (Virginia Placement Test) will assess your English and mathematical abilities for the nine math units. This evaluation and the required courses must be completed prior to registering for a college level English class or any class that requires reading or an upper level of math. Joint Venture applicants, please work closely with the Counseling Office, at your college, to determine if placement is required and if so, how to interpret the results. VWCC applicants will need to work with myself upon completion of the VPT evaluations. Sometimes it is necessary to complete the English writing sequence of a non-credit English to assist you with some skills and then move to other courses offered at the college.

Readiness for ENG 111 is required before BIO 101, PSY 230 and other courses requiring reading. For instance, if you need to register for ENF 3 and ENG 111 and plan to complete BIO 101, you will need to either be enrolled in the ENF 3 and ENG 111 as well as BIO 101 or complete the sequence of ENF 3 and ENG 111 prior to enrolling.

Sometimes the English placement can be waived based on High School GPA if
graduated within the last five years.
Some prerequisite courses can be fulfilled in High School with a final grade of “C” or higher or taken at a community college or another college or universities with a final grade of C or higher.

Algebra I are units 1-5 and units 1-5 are required before registering for Chemistry 5 or Biology 101. You may need to complete the VPT and place out of math units 1-5 if it has been several years since you have completed a math course and your High School graduation is over five years or your grades and GPA cannot waive the VPT placement.

Biology must have a lab component and can be completed in HS with grade of “C” or higher or can be completed at college by completing BIO 101 at a college. Remember it must have a lab component. The math pre-requisite for Biology are math units 1-5.

Chemistry 5 is required to fulfill the prerequisite—the chemistry must have a lab—some of the other colleges may offer another chemistry that can be used to fulfill the requirements and you will need to check with the Counseling office at that institution to make sure that you meet the prerequisites for the class. For VWCC, you will need to place out of math units 1-5 to take CHM 5 because of the math skills needed to successfully pass this course.
If you take math units 1-5, and/or Chemistry 5 you will receive a grade of “S” for satisfaction, or “U” for unsatisfactory or “R” for repeat. Your grade must be an “S” in order to fulfill these requirements.

Prerequisite courses must have a lab component in order to be used to fulfill requirement.

Grade of “C” or higher is required.
Also we require the college level Anatomy and Physiology I and II (BIO 141/142) to be completed with a grade of “C” or higher by the end of Spring prior to fall admission. The pre-requisite for BIO 141 at VWCC is recent BIO 101 (within three years with final grade of “C” or higher or completion of NAS 2 with grade of “S” and completed within three years or successful challenge of the exam to enter BIO 141 at 75% or higher within the last three years. The reason is for the first part of BIO 141, previous knowledge learned in BIO 101 is required in order to be successful in 141. In addition, students must be ready for ENG 111 as well or be co-enrolled in ENF3/111.

Some colleges offer the course sequence of BIO 231/232 and this is acceptable to transfer as long as the grade is “C” or better and that they had lab components and were completed at a regionally accredited institution. While we will also accept the course sequence of NAS 161/162-this is not the preferred course sequence as it does not include the depth of knowledge that the other course sequence includes. If you are attending another college, you will need to check with a counselor regarding the pre-requisites for college level A&P.

Also, there is a five year limit in regards to completing the college level A&P. They must be completed within five years of beginning of the program. If it has been longer than five years, you will need to repeat the courses with a grade of “C” or
higher by the **Spring prior to fall admission** deadline.

At VWCC, we offer Bio 141 in the Fall, Spring and often in the Summer semesters. The only semester that BIO 141 and BIO 142 can be completed within the same semester is our summer sessions which BIO 141 is taught the first five weeks and the BIO 142 is taught the second five weeks. These would need to be complete summer, one year prior to the following fall admission to qualify for the **Fall** program. Otherwise, you will need to complete 141 by the end of Fall prior to February deadline and BIO 142 by the end of Spring prior to fall admission.
SDV 101-two credits—Orientation to Health Professions—Must be completed by end of Spring prior to fall admission

SDV 101-two credits—Orientation to Health Professions, which is designated with a “P” on the course listing. Please note that if you have obtained a Bachelor’s Degree (in the United States or provided documentation from an organization that indicates the equivalent of such in your country), we can waive the two credits of SDV 101 and award the two credits of SDV based on completion of the Bachelor’s Degree (or Associate Degree).
Best to complete prerequisites as early as possible, but the latest you have to complete them is **Spring prior to fall admission**. If you are accepted into the program, your acceptance will be based on the contingency that you successfully complete any missing prerequisites.

GPA is based on the last place attended. If you have 12 credit hours by end of Fall, that is the GPA we will use. If you have less than 12 credit hours, we will proceed in reverse chronological order until we reach an Institution of 12 credit hours.
In addition to the prerequisite courses there are career support classes that can be completed prior to entering the Dental Hygiene program. Career support courses are classes within the Dental Hygiene curriculum that does not have the DNH prefix. For instance BIO 150 or 205, ENG 111, PHI 220-Ethics, and PSY 230-Developmental Psychology, --these will be listed on a following slide.

You are encouraged to complete some of the support classes prior to entering the program, but it is not mandatory that you do so. Most of the applicants have completed some, if not all, of the support classes prior to entering. However, keep in mind that completion of the support classes does not guarantee you Admission into the program. If you are accepted into the Dental Hygiene program without completing the support classes, you will take the curriculum as outlined in a following slide.
There are several advantages to completing the support classes prior to entering the program. One of them would be it would allow you as a student, if you were to be accepted into the program, to spend more time on your core Dental Hygiene classes. If you have to take a lab science course like Microbiology the lab science course would involve a lecture and lab component. You would need to attend both the lecture and lab sessions and be ready to complete test and evaluations for both class and labs. That one course within itself would take four different time elements away from you studying for the core classes.

Another advantage to completing career support classes prior to entering is the time-frame for you to associate previous learning with current learning. For instance, if you have completed Microbiology and the suggested Medical Terminology, you should be able to associate the current learning in Dental Hygiene with previous information learned in Micro and Med term. Studies have shown the more times a student is exposed to material and the student’s ability to associate and relate previous learning---it assist with retention and recall of information.

Once again, you are encouraged, if possible, to complete some of the support classes prior to entry. However, it is not mandatory and we do have students who enter the program w/o completing the support courses prior to entry and they are successful. Just remember it is an intense two year program.
111-Oral Anatomy
115-Histology/Neck Anatomy
120-Medical Emergencies
130-Oral Radiography
141-DH I—work in clinic—course where you work on each other to become proficient with instruments and etc. prior to working on public in Spring semester

Spring
142-DH II—clients-client education--
145-General and Oral Pathology
146-Periodontics
216-Pharmology

Summer
150-Nutrition
143-Coordinated Practice
235-Management of Pain/Anxiety
Fall-214-Materials
226-Public Health-volunteer
244-Dental Hygiene-IV-rotations outside of clinic

Spring---
DNH 227-Public Health
DNH 230-Ethics
DNH 245-DH V
I am going to begin with the science support class which include BIO 205 or BIO 150-Microbiology. The prerequisite for BIO 150 (Microbiology) is recent Biology in college or BIO 141. The BIO 150, if previously completed, must be completed within the last five years of beginning the program. If you are attending another college, you will need to once again check with a Counselor regarding any prerequisites for this college level course and the semester that this class will be offered.

BIO 205 or BIO 150-Microbiology is generally offered in Spring and Summer semesters and sometimes in the Fall at VWCC (BIO 150 is not currently offered in fall at VWCC). Bio 205 can be used as a substitution provided the course was 4 credits and the grade was higher than a “C” and was completed at a regionally accredited institution.

There is a five year limit on completing this courses and entering the program. If you have completed it with in five years of being admitted, you will not need to retake the course. However, if it has been longer than five years, you will need to repeat it due to informational changes and etc. We want the information current to assist with your classes and the Boards.
If you haven’t begun to take the science courses it is generally better to take one science course each semester rather than trying to combine two such as Anatomy and Physiology and Microbiology. By taking only one science course per semester, you are able to focus more on the material and able to learn and master the material easier which will allow more usage from the class during DH lectures.
ENG 111- sometimes the course is listed as ENG 101/102 at other institutions and it will transfer in as 111 and 112, provided the course covered Composition. ENG 111 at VWCC is offered on campus and Distance Learning.

PSY 230-offered on-campus and Distance Learning. (PSY 200 cannot be substituted for this course. The PSY 230 course covers human development from birth to death. If you completed the PSY 231/232 series with grade of “C” or higher, this course sequence can be substituted for PSY 230. However, you do need to complete both courses as the courses combined cover the material from birth to death.

PHI 220-Ethics

HLT 143 is a good course to complete before BIO 141 or with the class. HLT 143 is offered in-class and Distance Learning. This is a recommended course.
Typical schedule. Please understand that the courses and times may change but this gives you some idea of class times for first semester. This schedule only includes the DNH classes.

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141-pre-clinical—M 9-12, Th 9-12 and Friday 9-12
115-Histology—Tues 10:30-12:00 & Wed. 1-2:20
111-Oral Anatomy Tues 8:30-10:20
120 Medical Emergencies—Wednesday 2:30-4:20
130-Radiology lab will be either Group A on Monday from 1-4 or Group B is on Tuesday from 1:00-4:00 with lecture on Wednesday for all from 10:00-12:00.

Plan to spend 30 minutes per day on Instrumentation and Histology.

Devote 2-4 additional hours daily on your most difficult subjects.

Once again this is a typical schedule to give you an idea of how your Dental Hygiene classes may be in the fall semester—keep in mind that it can always change. Sometimes there is a need to have an evening clinical session and this schedule presented here is a typical schedule only. The schedule can vary as
deemed necessary form one Fall to another. If you are accepted into the Fall program, you will receive a Fall schedule of classes at the Dental Hygiene orientation usually held in July and classes will begin in August.
If you need to submit updated college transcripts at end of Fall or at end of semester in January, they must arrive before Feb. 15th.

Even though VCCS transcripts are not required, it must be noted that you attended or are attending a Community College on your VWCC application and DH Program application.

Once again, early application is encouraged, not because of priority, because none is given for early application, but it allows us a chance to review your file and offer course selections for Spring semester.
In January we update everyone’s record that has applied. We update Fall grades and GPA and indicate which courses applicant enrolled in for Spring.

After that process, applicants will be sent a letter informing them either the next step in the application process which would be to take the TEAS or applicants will be sent a letter informing that they will not be considered for the program because either items arrived after the deadline, the cumulative GPA was below 2.75 or there are too many missing prerequisites to complete by the deadline.

TEAS will not be scheduled at VWCC or Joint Venture with LFCC or DCC until we have all documentation, including updated transcripts from Fall semester (except VCCS transcripts)

TEAS is administered at LFCC for qualified LFCC applicants. Applicants will be eligible to complete the TEAS from February 15-March 15 at LFCC in even years.

Upon results of the TEAS, you will have an interview at your first choice of sites. Interviews are typically scheduled during March and April. Once everyone has completed the application process, including the interview and essay, the committee will convene and review the applicant files and then select the incoming class.
Everyone that follows through with the application process, will receive a letter regarding their admission status in the program. These letters generally are mailed in early May. If you are accepted, you will need to return the accept form.
All applicants will receive a letter of either acceptance, placed on alternate list or not quite this year, as long as they completed the application process, which the last step would be the interview and essay.

If you are accepted and return your acceptance form, you will be notified when you have access to the orientation information that contains: information regarding medical forms, essential functions that are required to be a part of the program, how to obtain professional liability insurance, the appropriate CPR certification, how to order your uniforms and when to purchase the instrument kit and other supplies needed for the program, how to obtain your criminal background check and supply the urine specimen and etc.
Once accepted, we’ll provide you a contact person in the Financial Aid office for scholarships for allied health persons.

The book cost is for DH books only. Other general education courses like Microbiology, PHI 220, PSY 230 and etc. will be an additional book cost.
Experience and knowledge of the profession helps in interview. Must be able to relay the information you have observed during the interview and understand the role of the Dental Hygienist within the Dental Office and the nature of the profession.
EXAMPLES OF APPLICANTS-DH

- Academic History of Accepted Applicant
  - Algebra I-A
  - Biology-A Chemistry A
  - 3.3.99 HS GPA
  - College GPA 3.8 credit hours with 4.00
  - BIO 141-A, BIO 142-A,
  - ENG 111-A HUM-A PSY 230-A
  - TEAS-85%-Independent Reading Rate
  - Interview Score-9.2 (out of 10)
  - Had strong letters and essay
EXAMPLES OF APPLICANTS-DH

- Academic History of Accepted Applicant
  - Algebra I-B
  - Biology-B  Chemistry-A
  - 3.59 HS GPA
  - College GPA 3.78 with 52 credit hours
  - Bio 141-A  BIO 150-A  Eng 111-A
  - Bio 142-A  Hum ele.-A  Psy 230-A

6 months experience and was able to relay wealth of information regarding DH as a profession.
HOBET-95.0% Independent Reading Rate
Interview Score-9.9-excellent understanding of profession
Experience-strong letters/forms
DENTAL HYGIENE PRACTICE SETTINGS

- Private practice
  - General practice
  - Specialty practice
  - Public health
  - HMO
  - Dental Hygiene Educator
  - Hospital Dentistry
  - Nursing Homes
  - Research
If you apply to the Fall program and if you are not accepted, you are encouraged to reapply to following year program. You would need to submit a new DH application, not your transcripts that you have previously submitted—but any that needed to be updated such as final HS transcript or final college transcript of courses completed in Spring, Summer or Fall prior to spring deadline. You would need to submit a new DH Program application, and you could increase the strength of your academics, and knowledge of the profession if you thought perhaps this was an area that you were lacking in during the previous application process. You would need to complete the application process which would involve retaking the TEAS. There are several options available if you would like to increase your reading scores. You could take a critical reading course or if you felt that you were reading too slowly, you could take a speed reading course. If qualified, you would need to go through the interview process and you will need to submit new letters and forms of recommendation and new observation hours. These can be from the same people, they need to be updated in case in your current job or situation you have increased the depth of your job duties or if your duties have increased or you have increase in some skill level—we would want to know about those situations. Remember at the Joint Venture sites we accept every other year
Pam Woody is typically in the office from 7:45-4:00 M-F