

**PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DENTAL HYGIENE
APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Dear Prospective Student:

We are pleased that you have shown an interest in the Dental Hygiene program at Pearl River Community College. The enclosed application packet contains all the information you will need to successfully apply to the program. Applicants that have completed all academic prerequisites are **encouraged** to apply by February 1st. **The deadline to apply for the August 2019 class is February 28, 2019.** Please follow the steps below to insure that your application is complete.

The following items must be submitted as one (1) complete packet to the Dental Hygiene department prior to February 28, 2019: The completed packet should include all of the following and be mailed to:

**Pearl River Community College
Attn: Dental Hygiene Department
5448 US Hwy. 49 South
Hattiesburg, MS 39401**

- PRCC Application
- Program Application (included in packet)
- Official high school transcript or GED mailed to the Dental Hygiene Department.
- ACT Score (Phone 319-337-1313 or go online to www.act.org if scores are not included on high school transcripts.)
- Official College transcripts from **all** colleges attended mailed to the above address from your previous schools.

Note: If college work was completed at PRCC in either Poplarville or Hattiesburg, please indicate this on the PRCC application. Please use the enclosed transfer of records form provided to request for a copy of your record to be sent to the Dental Department.

- Autobiographical Essay (included in packet) - **Complete a handwritten autobiographical essay.**
- Verification of Observation Hours (included in packet)- **Observe a Registered Dental Hygienist a minimum of four (4) hours and have the verification form completed and returned with your application information.**
- Course List (included in packet)

Please note: It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all material has been received in the Dental Hygiene Department by the February 28, 2019 (2:00 PM) deadline. ONLY those with a completed application packet on file will be considered.

Thank you for your interest in the Dental Hygiene program at PRCC. If we can provide assistance regarding these materials or the application process, please contact the Dental Hygiene Department at (601) 554-5509.

Sincerely,

Shanalyn H. Allen, D.M.D.

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Program Director

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PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DENTAL HYGIENE TECHNOLOGY

The Career

If you are interested in a health career oriented toward preventing disease and helping patients maintain good oral health, dental hygiene may be the career for you.

If you would like:

- the responsibility of direct patient care
- the opportunity to work in pleasant surroundings
- the satisfaction of helping others
- the chance to work with people on an individual basis
- the convenience of flexible work hours
- the opportunity to practice nationwide and abroad; and
- a career with many job opportunities, then dental hygiene may be right for you.

Dental hygiene functions vary somewhat from state to state. Functions routinely performed by dental hygienists in Mississippi include, but are not limited to:

- scaling and polishing teeth
- applying fluoride treatments and dental sealants
- taking and processing x-rays
- examining teeth and surrounding tissues
- screening for hypertension and oral cancer
- educating patients regarding dental diseases, plaque control, and proper home care
- providing dental health education in the community; and
- providing nutritional information and advice.

Dental hygienists can work in private dental offices, dental clinics and hospitals, public health facilities, and product research centers. Hygienists can also work in health education and product sales and marketing. Due to the nature of the profession, dental hygienists may come in contact with blood borne pathogens. The American with Disabilities Act forbids the discrimination against patients with infectious disease. Therefore, students are required to treat all patients assigned regardless of the disease state of the patient. The Pearl River Community College Dental Hygiene Program complies with all institutional, local, state, and federal regulations on blood borne pathogens and infectious diseases, ionizing radiation and hazardous material.

CREDENTIALS

All states require licensure to practice this profession. A license is issued by the State Board of Dental Examiners after successful completion of both clinical and written examination. The National Board of Dental Hygiene Examination must also be passed to qualify for licensure.

ADMISSION

Admission to the dental hygiene program is selective and competitive. It is limited to fifteen (15) students each August. Applications are accepted through **February 28th** of each year. Selection is based on a formula with components of ACT score, college GPA (using only those classes needed for admission), and an interview. Not all applicants will be granted an interview.

**Pearl River Community College offers equal education and employment opportunities. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, veteran status, or disability.*

Any person needing to request accommodations, special assistance, or alternate format publication for this event, please contact the ADA Coordinator's office at 601-403-1060.

DENTAL HYGIENE CURRICULUM School Year 2018/2019

- The State Dental Hygiene Curriculum will be changing for the School Year 2019/2020. Revisions will be posted upon final approval by the Mississippi Community College Board.

Pre-requisite Academic Core Curriculum (must pass with a grade of “C” or higher)

ENG 1113	English Composition	3 hours credit
ENG 1123	English Composition II	3
BIO 2923	Microbiology	3
BIO 2921	Microbiology lab	1
BIO 1513	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIO 1511	Anatomy and Physiology I lab	1
BIO 1523	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIO 1521	Anatomy and Physiology II lab	1
CHE 1314	Chemistry & Lab (Gen. or Principles)	4
PSY 1513	Psychology	3
SOC 2113	Sociology	3
SPT 1113	Oral Communications	3
HEC 1233	Nutrition	3
*MAT 1313	College Algebra	3 (As of July 1, 2000, College Algebra is a required course)
	TOTAL	37 hours credit

Freshman Year	1 st Semester	
DHT 1116	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene	6 hours credit
DHT 1222	Head and Neck Anatomy	2
DHT 1212	Dental Anatomy	2
DHT 1314	Dental Radiology	4
DHT 1911	Seminar I	1
	TOTAL	15 hours credit

	2 nd Semester	
DHT 1415	Dental Hygiene Clinic I	5 hours credit
DHT 1222	Oral Histology and Embryology	2
DHT 1513	Periodontics	3
DHT 2612	Dental Materials	2
DHT 1921	Seminar II	1
	TOTAL	13 hours credit

Sophomore Year	1 st Semester	
DHT 2426	Dental Hygiene Clinic II	6 hours credit
DHT 2233	General and Oral Pathology	3
DHT 2712	Dental Pharmacology	2
DHT 2911	Seminar III	1
	TOTAL	12 hours credit

	2 nd Semester	
DHT 2436	Dental Hygiene Clinic III	6 hours credit
DHT 2813	Community Dental Health	3
DHT 2922	Dental Ethics and Law	2
DHT 2921	Seminar IV	1
	TOTAL	12 hours credit

Special Admission Requirements for the
Associate Degree
Dental Hygiene Program

In addition to all of PRCC's general admission requirements for a technical student, the Dental Hygiene program has specific additional program admission requirements as listed below:

Applicants must have the following documents on file in the Admission's office to be considered for admission to the program

- a PRCC application for admission
- an official high school transcript from an accredited high school or GED equivalency score
- college transcripts from previous colleges attended if core academic classes have been completed
- ACT scores -- may be from the national administration of the test or a PRCC residual. Applicants who took the ACT prior to October, 1989, will have their results converted to the Enhanced ACT score. Example: A score of 15 prior to October, 1989 will convert to an 18 on the Enhanced ACT. **Applicants must have an ACT score of 18 or higher to be considered for the program.**
- Proof of residency

Only the courses listed below will be used in computing grade point averages: A & P I and II, Microbiology, Chemistry and Nutrition must have been completed within the last 5 years.

- English Composition I
 - English Composition II
 - Microbiology and Lab
 - Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab
 - Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab
 - Chemistry and Lab
 - Psychology
 - Sociology
 - Oral Communications
 - Nutrition
 - College Algebra
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- Academic standing of "probation" or "suspension" at other institutions is considered in the evaluation of applicants.
 - Completion of the Dental Hygiene academic core curriculum is required, but does not guarantee admission to the program.
 - Students not selected for admission must reapply before **February 28th** of the next year to be considered for the fall of 2020 class.
 - Meeting the minimum requirements listed above does not guarantee any applicant admission to the Dental Hygiene program or an interview.
 - Upon acceptance, the applicant must submit a college approved health form and complete CPR training for health care providers with an AED component.

ALL STATEMENTS RELATED TO ADMISSION CRITERIA OR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PRESENT POLICIES ARE SUBJECT TO REVISIONS

ANY ADVICE GIVEN BY THE DENTAL HYGIENE DEPARTMENT REGARDING COURSEWORK DOES NOT INSURE ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM

THERE WILL BE AN INFORMATION SESSION **JANUARY 31, 2019 AT 6:00 PM AND ON FEBRUARY 07, 2019 AT 6:00PM** IN THE DENTAL HYGIENE DEPARTMENT, Room 162, ALLIED HEALTH BUILDING, FORREST COUNTY CENTER. THIS IS NOT MANDATORY, BUT WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO TOUR THE FACILITY AND MEET FACULTY AND CURRENT STUDENTS. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE CALL 554-5509 AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER.

PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU ARE SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL CONCERNING DATES AND TIMES OF INTERVIEWS.

ESTIMATED FEES

FEES THAT APPLY FOR EACH SEMESTER

Tuition – In State 15 hours or more	1625.00
Tuition – Less than 15 hours	140.00 per hour
Tuition – Out of state Plus \$1,625.00 – 15 hours or more	1199.00
Tuition - Out of state Plus \$140 per hour – less than 15 hours	100.00 per hour
Program Fee	500.00
Registration Fee	40.00
Technology Fee	40.00

ADDITIONAL FEES

FIRST YEAR:

First Semester

Year Disk	5.00
Parking Permit	20.00
Uniforms	
Scrubs (2 sets)	90.00
Lab Coats (2)	50.00
Clinic Shoes (1 pr.)	60.00
Instruments (2 sets)	700.00
XCP film holder	200.00
Snap-A- Ray DS	40.00
Snap-A-Ray (film)	20.00
Hepatitis vaccination and post screening, TB Mantou Test	200.00
BLS, CPR, and AED training	50.00
Books	900.00
ADHA (2 year student membership)	150.00
Liability Insurance (yearly)	15.00
BP kit, Stethoscope, Misc. Fees	200.00

Second Semester

Books	200.00
Oraqix Dispenser, Whitening Kit, Misc. Fees	200.00

SECOND YEAR:

Parking Permit	20.00
Year Disk	5.00
Books	500.00
Graduation	40.00
National Board DH Exam Fee	380.00
Board Review	450.00
ADHEX Exam MS	1200.00
Jurisprudence Exam MS	65.00
Liability Insurance (yearly)	15.00
Replacement Instruments, Misc. Fees	300.00

Any depleted, lost, or broken equipment, instruments, supplies or uniforms will have to be replaced by the student. It is the responsibility of the student to keep track of their instruments. Additional tuition, etc... may be incurred by the student if the student attends summer school to complete core curriculum classes. Each student has the opportunity to participate in fundraising events sponsored by ADHA Student Component.

ABOVE FEES ARE AN ESTIMATE. ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

COURSE LIST

Listed below are the Dental Hygiene Core Curriculum Requirements. In the space provided indicate when you completed the course (example: Fall, 2015). If you have not completed the course, indicate when you plan to complete the course (example: Spring 2019).

COMPLETE THIS
SECTION ONLY

COURSE NAME	ENROLLMENT	CREDIT HOURS	GRADE OFFICE USE ONLY	QUALITY PTS OFFICE USE ONLY	OFFICE USE ONLY
					ACT= _____ GPA = _____
<u>Example</u>	<u>Fall, 2010</u>				
English Composition I		3			
English Composition II		3			
Sociology		3			
Psychology		3			
Speech		3			
Nutrition		3			
Microbiology		3			
Microbiology Lab		1			
A and P I		3			
A and P I Lab		1			
A and P II		3			
A and P II Lab		1			
Chemistry		3			
Chemistry Lab		1			
College Algebra		3			
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IMPORTANT: Your application for admission will be evaluated on the basis of transcripts and courses which you have in progress or plan to take, as indicated above. If you should alter your course of study in any way without notifying the Dental Hygiene Department, the Admissions Committee will not have the correct information, therefore, your acceptance will be affected accordingly. I have read the above statement and will notify the PRCC Dental Hygiene Department of any changes in the above course list.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY

In **your own handwriting**, write an autobiographical essay. Include examples of your participation in activities (community, service, extracurricular, etc.) and your interests in dental hygiene emphasizing those which would enhance your career as a dental hygienist. Your concise response **should be limited to this sheet of paper.**

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
DENTAL HYGIENE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

Date: _____ SS #: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle Maiden

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip County

E-Mail Address: _____@_____*

***Please Note:** Most correspondence from the Dental Hygiene Department will be sent **via e-mail**.

Phone Number: _____ Day _____ Evening

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____
Month Day Year

Have you been a resident of Mississippi for the past 12 months: _____yes _____no

Date of Graduation: _____ Have you taken the ACT? _____yes _____no ACT Score: _____

Have you attended college: _____yes _____no

If yes, list the colleges and dates attended below:

_____ Dates Attended _____

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When do you wish to enter PRCC? _____

Are **ALL** transcripts and ACT scores on file at PRCC? _____yes _____no

I agree that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and that deliberate falsification of information will result in denial of admission to PRCC.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

VERIFICATION OF OBSERVATION HOURS
FOR
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

This is to verify that _____ has observed a Registered Dental Hygienist in the field for a minimum of four (4) hours in partial fulfillment of requirements for the Dental Hygiene Program at Pearl River Community College.

Comments: _____

Name of RDH: (Print) _____

Signature of RDH: _____

Office of: _____

Date: _____

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM FOR PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Please complete this form if you are a current student at PRCC or if you have previously been a student at PRCC.

Name: _____
(Last) (Maiden) (First) (MI)

Social Security Number: _____

Which Campus did you attend or currently attend:

Poplarville: _____ Hattiesburg: _____

Dates that you attended PRCC: _____

Program for which you are applying: Dental Hygiene

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

**Please note: Do Not Send This Request Form to the Admissions Office
Mail request to:**

Pearl River Community College
Dental Hygiene Department
5448 U.S. Hwy 49 South
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Evaluation Scale for Dental Hygiene Technology

Applicant Name _____ Date of Application _____

*TO BE COMPLETED BY PROGRAM ONLY

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Pearl River Community College Financial Aid

All financial aid information and applications
can now be obtained online at:

www.prcc.edu

By following these simple steps:

- ☞ Step 1 CLICK ON “STUDENT INFORMATION”
- ☞ Step 2 CLICK ON “FINANCIAL AID”
- ☞ Step 3 CHOOSE THE LINK OR FORM NEEDED

Information Available:



- Pell Grant
- MTAG
- Scholarships
- Additional paperwork may be needed to complete file with financial aid department.

SCHOOL CODE: 002430



In-State/Out of State Residency

Out of State Residency is determined by:

- Out of State High School Transcript
- OR**
- Out of State College Transcript (*even if you have in-state high school transcript*)
- AND/OR**
- Out of State Address for student and/or parent (*if student is under 21 years of age*)

How To Prove Your In-State Residency

To be considered an in state resident you must prove that you have a fixed and permanent residence within the boundaries of the state. For the purpose of tuition, you cannot be a resident of more than one state.

If you are over 21, please, present the following to the admissions office on your campus:

1. Mississippi Driver's License
2. Mississippi Automobile Registration

AND

2 (TWO) or more of the following

1. Proof of home ownership or rent receipts
2. Proof of filing Homestead Exemption
3. Copy of utility bills
4. Mississippi income tax forms or proof of payment
5. Voter registration for Mississippi

If you are under 21, present the above documents on your parents to prove that your parents are Mississippi residents

OR

1. Marriage license

AND the documents listed above for your residence.

*****The law allows no exceptions for students below the age of 21 who are independent from their parents unless legally married.***

*****The listed factor are not the sole factors that PRCC may look to in establishing residence, but they are important in establishing intent to reside within the state.***