

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF
PHILADELPHIA**

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

**STUDENT HANDBOOK
2023-2025**

(Please read and sign pgs 27, 29, 31, 35, 38.
UPLOAD TO CASTLEBRANCH with all other DH
documents on or before the
DH Program orientation)

Accreditation

The first dental hygiene accreditation standards were developed by three groups: the American Dental Hygienists' Association, the National Association of Dental Examiners and the American Dental Association's Council on Dental Education. The standards were submitted to and approved by the American Dental Association House of Delegates in 1947, five years prior to the launching of the dental hygiene accreditation program in 1952. The first list of accredited dental hygiene programs was published in 1953, with 21 programs. Since then the standards for accreditation have been revised five times.

The Dental Hygiene Program at the Community College of Philadelphia is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation will review complaints related to a program's compliance with the accreditation standards. The Commission is interested in the sustained quality and continued improvement of the dental and dental-related education programs but does not intervene on the behalf of individuals or act as a court of appeals for individuals in matters of admission, appointment, promotion, or dismissal of faculty, staff or students.

A copy of the appropriate accreditation standards and/or the Commission policy and procedure for submission of complaints may be obtained by contacting the Commission at 211 East Chicago, IL. 60611-2678 or by calling 1.800.621.8099 extension 4653.

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Counseling for Dental Hygiene students is available through the Counseling Center
BG-7, Phone 751-8169. Questions related to topics including: transfer, family problems, financial aid
and anxiety should be discussed with a counselor.

Academic Advising within the DH Program is provided by the Program Director and the Full Time DH
Faculty.

Dental Hygiene clinic and laboratories are located in W1-24 and W1-23B. A faculty or staff member
must be present for a student to enter the Clinic area (W1-24). A supervising dentist must be present for
any patient to enter the Clinic. No food or drinks are permitted in the clinic area. Students are permitted
in the front lab (W1-23B) for practice and study without a faculty member present.

The [Community College of Philadelphia Catalog](#) provides information on the College, the Dental
Hygiene Program and other departments at the College. It is suggested that all students obtain, review
and or print a copy of the Catalog. Catalogs are available on line.

The [Community College of Philadelphia Student Handbook](#) provides information on student services
and the rules and regulations of the College. The Handbook is available on line and from the Office of
Student Affairs (M2-37), or the Office of Student Activities (S1-10).

Policies and Procedures

Communications

Notices will be posted on bulletin boards and in the student locker room (W1-24B). A bulletin board for student use is located in the Front Lab (W1-23B). Notes to individual students will be left in the student's mailbox located outside of the locker room (W1-24B). Messages for DH faculty may be left in faculty mailboxes located in W1-23A, the voice mail on their individual faculty telephone numbers or their faculty e-mail.

The phone located in W1-24 is for calling clinical patients only. **This phone number should not be given to patients.** Personal calls cannot be made from the clinic phones.

Student Employment

Many students find it difficult to maintain outside employment while enrolled in the DH Program. Outside responsibilities such as employment are not considered acceptable excuses for a student's inability to meet any curriculum requirements or miss scheduled sessions.

Student Board Review Course

Students are REQUIRED to attend an approved Dental Hygiene Board Review Course during the Spring and or Summer session of the graduation year. This is a stipulation for graduation from the DH Program. This review course must be either a multiple day Dental Hygiene Board Review Course (example, Leading Edge, Andy RDH) or the FULL NBDHE Practice Test, (NBDHEPT- both 101 and 102 on ADA.org). Please CEAR AND CONFIRM your selected course with Mrs. DeFiore as she MUST approve your choice.

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING HEALTH REQUIREMENTS MUST BE UPLOADED TO CASTLEBRANCH...

Health Requirements

The following health screening measures are required for all DH students. Please refer to these requirements when completing health forms. Admissions and continuation in the DH Program is conditional until health requirements are met.

YEARLY COMPLETION OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION WITH LAB RESULTS ON ATTACHED FORM.

LABORATORY STUDIES WITH RESULTS ON HEALTH SCREENING FORM.

- Health Forms including blood test titer lab report should be dated no earlier than 120 days.
- PPD blood test is positive, a chest x-ray and record of any treatment is required. Submit a copy of x-ray results if performed.

IMMUNIZATIONS (blood titer, typed lab report is needed)

- COVID-19 Vaccination or medical or religious accommodation
If an accommodation is needed you will need to make an appointment with the Center on Disability (COD) so this process can be completed.
- Varicella-documentation of disease, provide date. Titer or immunization can be submitted.
- Hepatitis B. vaccination series is required. Minimum documentation of vaccine 1 and 2 is required for entrance into first clinical course.
- Measles (Rubeola), Mumps and Rubella-immunization or re-immunization within past 5 years. Provide date of most recent immunization. **Titers to prove immunity can be submitted.**
- Tetanus/Diphtheria immunization is required every 5 years. Documentation of date of immunization is required.
- Polio-documentation of childhood immunization, provide date. Titer to show immunity can be submitted.
- Flu shot is highly recommended and possibly required for community visits in DH 271, Community Dentistry.

DENTAL EXAMINATION

Dental Examination Form must be completed and returned with health form.

CONSENT

Consent to release student Health Form must be signed and attached. Pregnancy Release Form must be signed and attached (for both male and female students).

HEALTH INSURANCE

Submit a copy of Health Insurance Information.

Health Insurance

All students **MUST** have health insurance coverage and provide documentation. The College is not liable for any student injury (see form the end of the handbook for more information regarding health insurance.)

Liability/Malpractice Insurance

Students are covered by the liability/malpractice insurance provided by the College during their clinical education. The coverage does not extend through the dental hygiene graduates clinical board examinations. As candidates for a clinical board examination, graduates must obtain individual insurance coverage.

Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Clearance

The program follows current guidelines established by the Commission on Dental Accreditation regarding child abuse/criminal history clearance for Dental Hygiene students. Students must obtain criminal record check and child abuse clearance prior to admission to the Dental Hygiene program. **Must obtain clearances on a yearly basis (during second year you will need them for Community Visits).** Any change or potential change in clearance status must be reported to the Program Director of the Dental Hygiene Program.

Pregnancy

Students who become pregnant while in the Dental Hygiene Program must submit appropriate documentation from their obstetrician to the Program Director. Since students may be exposed to radiation during the clinical practice of dental radiography, it may become necessary for the student to withdraw from the program. Each case will be reviewed by the Advisory Board and Department Head prior to the final decision. However, upon entering second year a pregnant student will NOT be permitted to continue due to the Program Summer class DH 210, Local Anesthesia. This class requires the student to be the operator, patient and assistant and due to the unknown risk factors of receiving anesthetic twice a week the student must withdraw and re-apply in October the following year.

Neither the College nor the extramural sites can assume responsibility for any harm that might occur to the fetus as a result of exposure to ionizing radiation.

A student who is required to withdraw from the Dental Hygiene Program because of pregnancy can gain readmission to the Program by following the established application procedures.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification

All DH students are required to have current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation while in dental hygiene clinical courses. A copy of current CPR certification must be submitted to the Dental Hygiene Program Director. It is the student's responsibility to obtain CPR certification. Students should keep the original certification document in their possession so they may submit copies for board examinations.

Tape Recordings

Students should request permission from faculty members presenting a lecture if they wish to record the presentation.

Social Networking

Students should be cognizant of statements, pictures and/or conversations posted on social networking sites. Use of social networking during scheduled classroom or clinical hours is strictly prohibited. Conversing on these sites regarding classes will result in disciplinary action and possible dismissal from the Program.

Inclement Weather

Courses at the College/DH Program will remain in session unless announced otherwise by radio (KYW, 1060 AM) and/or television media. The school closing number is **238** for day classes and **2238** for evening/weekend classes. The College's main telephone number (751-8000) will also have a tape message indicating if the College is not in session. Dental Hygiene students are responsible for contacting and informing their scheduled patients of cancellation of clinical sessions.

Attendance/Absences

Students are encouraged to be present at all classes, pre-clinics and clinics sessions. The student is not permitted to leave a program course early to attend to personal business, such as, going to the enrollment center, counseling, meeting faculty, etc.. Instructors appreciate if students would call in advance to report an absence or lateness. The maximum allowable absences are the equivalent of two weeks of classes (per College policy); once this maximum has been reached the faculty may withdraw the student from the DH Program course. It is a students responsibility to complete course requirements and absences may jeopardize the completion of course and clinical requirements.

Religious Accommodation/Holidays

The DH Program adheres to the College policy on religious holidays. Students who will be absent from class, laboratory or clinic sessions due to observance of a religious holiday are required to inform their instructors.

A student who requires a reasonable religious accommodation should make the request directly to his/her course instructor. It is expected that the student will provide sufficient notice of the need for an accommodation to course instructors in order for the accommodation to be implemented. If a student must leave the clinic during patient treatment, he/she must alert the faculty and the assigned clinic assistant will stay with the patient until the student return.

Professional Conduct

Professionalism is a key component to success as a dental health care provider. Dental hygiene students must understand the importance of such intangibles as effective communication, concern for others, ethical conduct, honesty, initiative, empathy, enthusiasm, tact, dedication, cooperation, efficiency and professional sophistication. By developing understanding and adherence to such criteria, students will be able to effectively function as dental health care providers. Students must conduct themselves in a professional manner and maintain the common laws of courtesy.

Professional conduct expected of DH students includes but in not limited to:

Students must show respect for the person and personal property of classmates, faculty, staff and patients.

- Faculty are appropriately referred to by Doctor, Mister, Miss or Misses and surname.

- Patients are appropriately referred to by Mister, Miss or Misses and surname unless the patient tells you otherwise.

- The care of personal property, though ultimately the responsibility of any individual, should be considered important to all. [Student items that are lost/missing are the responsibility of each student. It is prudent that students mark all personal instruments, materials, uniforms, books etc. with a sir name.]

Students must communicate appropriately with classmates, faculty, staff and patients.

- Unnecessary talking in class, lab or clinic is distracting to faculty, classmates and patients.

- Loud or boisterous conversation or activity in the classroom, lab or clinic is to be avoided.
- If a student is dissatisfied with any situation, whether in a classroom, lab or clinic, she/he may request a conference with the respective faculty first (another faculty member must be present as well) and if student is not satisfied with result with the result of the faculty meeting, they may then request a meeting with the Program Director. (**Disputes must be handled away from fellow classmates and patients.**)
- Faculty members can also request a conference with any student and may include the Program Director
- If a student requests a meeting due to dissatisfaction there must be two faculty members present
- If a student requests a meeting for help with clinic or classroom material then the faculty member can meet alone with student, but the office door must remain open.
- Patients' health and personal information is to be maintained as confidential.

The faculty or Program Director may dismiss a student from the DH clinic, classroom and/or DH Program for any of the above or below reasons.

- Students must communicate written and verbal information in a truthful, legible and coherent manner.
- Alteration, falsification or forging of any records or documents is unacceptable and will result in immediate dismissal from the DH Program.
- Correct articulation and spelling of dental/clinical terminology must be used.
- Accurate and legible writing is necessary for patient records, clinic forms, material submitted to faculty, etc.

Students must follow instructions and protocol to ensure patient care and a cooperative learning environment.

- students must arrive **AT LEAST 20 minutes prior** to your scheduled clinic time to prepare the clinic unit and to review the patients chart and prepare for treatment.
- Protocol for laboratory, preclinical and clinical courses must be followed throughout the curriculum for the safety and health of all.
- Application of didactic information into the laboratory and clinical setting is integral to the dental health care provider's learning.
- Higher level concepts, increasing sophistication of information and synthesis of didactic and clinical knowledge must be progressively applied by the student.
- Critiquing and evaluation of performance is a key component of laboratory and clinical education. It is the obligation of the faculty to provide expertise and the student's responsibility to pay attention and make the appropriate changes in these settings.

Students must provide safe and appropriate care to all patients.

- Concern for patient welfare must be the primary goal of the student and faculty
- Patient care procedures are based on patient needs and total patient care.
- Total patient care within the DH Practice Act is mandatory for students.

Sanctions for Unprofessional Conduct

Any incidence of unprofessional conduct will be reported to the DH Program Director, Allied Health Department Head and/or the Dean of Student Life, who will take appropriate disciplinary actions in accordance with the disciplinary procedures outlined in this *DH Handbook*, *the Community College of Philadelphia Student Handbook*, and *the Allied Health Department Clinical Code of Conduct*. If a student is found responsible for the violations, the sanctions include, but are not limited to, dismissal from the Dental Hygiene Program.

Professional Appearance
See Dress Code Policy...

While attending lecture classes no specific dress code is required. Appropriate professional attire will be required for specific events when students are representing the College and the DH Program.

All male students are required to be clean shaven with hair secured off face and collar

During DH clinic, preclinic, laboratory sessions, all practice sessions and if obtaining faculty signatures, students MUST wear ceil blue scrubs, disposable clinic gowns, disposable head covering, mask, gloves, shield, and black or white leather/leather like shoes with matching socks. Hair must be clean and neatly arranged and secured away from the face and off the collar and head covered with a disposable hair bonnet.

There will be NO EXPOSED tattoos while in pre-clinic, clinic, or lab. Your clinic gown is not sufficient as it is see through. All tattoos should be covered by a long sleeve shirt, bandage, waterproof makeup, or another clothing item.

During ALL patient treatment the student must be in full clinic attire (PPE) as specified in the Dental Hygiene Clinic Manual. Please see below for the PPE information...

The CDC defines PPE as wearable equipment designed to protect dental healthcare professionals from exposure to or contact with infectious agents. PPE should effectively cover personal clothing and skin likely to be soiled with blood, saliva, and other potentially infectious materials. As of 9/12/22, all CCP students must wear the following PPE, Disposable gowns, disposable head covers, level 3 mask or N95 mask while performing aerosol producing procedures (finishing and polishing restorations, coronal polishing and air powder polish), safety glasses, and face shield.

Grading

Interpretation of letter grades for all Dental Hygiene Program courses are as follows:

100	-	91	=	A
90	-	82	=	B
81	-	75	=	C
74	-	70	=	D
69	-	0	=	F

Testing

The Dental Hygiene Program is a **Competency Based** program (**PLEASE SEE ASSESSMENT OF COMPETENCIES AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT**) which follows the recommendations set forth by the ADA. In all DH Program courses a student must reach an established competency level. If this level is not met, the student will receive an “F” grade for the course.

DH students must reach a 75% competency level on all major examinations. A retake will be necessary if a 75% competency level is not achieved. For final grade calculations the initial grade will be used. Only two retakes are permitted per midterm examination and 1 for the final examination (please refer to the individual course syllabus for timelines to retake the examinations) If the student has not met the

established competency level an “F” grade will be granted for the course.

Students MUST attend scheduled exams. No separate final exam times will be scheduled. Please review the college catalog for the examination schedule. In the event of an unforeseen emergency, such as a death in the immediate family, the student must call the course instructor prior to the test. The faculty voice mail records the date and time of calls.

All test materials remain confidential. Test materials must never leave the testing room and students may not leave the room unless they have completed the test and handed it in for grading.

Clinical Courses

In Dental Hygiene clinical courses DH 191 and 192, the student must complete all pre-clinical competencies by the end of the courses. The student may not continue in the program unless competency levels have been achieved.

In DH 293, 294 and 295 the students must have all coursework (didactic, seminar, clinic and lab) completed by the last day of classes and to the established course and college guidelines.

If the course guidelines are not followed, the student will receive an “F” grade for the DH clinical course and will be dismissed from the Dental Hygiene Program.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic Dishonesty Cheating Behaviors considered unacceptable in the DH Program include but are not limited to:

- examining or copying another students answers during a test, exam or evaluation.
- examining or copying another student's paper or task evaluation.
- bringing notes, etc. to testing session (on a scrap of paper, cuffs, etc.)
- having another person take a test for you.
- asking someone for the answers to a test question or information to answer a test question.
- submitting as completed by oneself written work, drawings, laboratory projects, radiographs etc. done/completed by another person/student.
- altering, falsifying or forging any documents, records, laboratory or test materials.
- taking or having in your possession without permission, any materials, belonging to or generated from faculty, staff, or students.
- removing test materials from a test room.

Aiding another in committing an act of academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to:

- willfully offering answers or information related to tests, examinations and evaluations.
- doing another student's assignment or project (in or outside of the class, laboratory or clinic).
- taking a test for another person.

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:

- copying from another source without quotation marks and appropriate documentation.
- rewording an idea from a source but omitting documentation credit.

-having another write for you or copying another student's work.

Attendance at the College is a privilege, not a right; and by enrolling in the DH Program, the student assumes an obligation to maintain its standards of academic performance. To uphold academic integrity, the College retains the power to set academic standards and discipline students who engage in conduct of academic dishonesty.

AI is not allowed

1. All work submitted in this course must be your own. Contributions from anyone or anything else including AI sources (ChatGPT, GPT, DALL-E, Stable Diffusion, Midjourney, GitHub Copilot), must be properly quoted and cited every time they are used. Failure to do so constitutes an academic integrity violation, and I will follow the College's academic integrity policy in those instances.

Adapted from https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RMVwzjc1o0Mi8Blw_-JUTcXv02b2WRH86vw7mi16W3U/edit

2. Students who use AI-generated writing including ChatGPT, GPT, DALL-E, Stable Diffusion, Midjourney, GitHub Copilot for any portion of their written assignments will be deemed in violation of the Academic Integrity Policy and the Student Code of Conduct. Violations can include a failing grade for the course. Suspected incidents of academic dishonesty may be referred to the Dean of Students Office for further review of the student's status with the College, which may include being separated from the College. *Adapted from Melinda S. Zook, Germaine Seelye Oesterle Professor History, and Director, Cornerstone Integrated Liberal Arts, Purdue University*

Selected use of AI is allowed You may use AI programs, e.g. ChatGPT, GPT, DALL-E, Stable Diffusion, Midjourney, GitHub Copilot, to help generate ideas and brainstorm. However, you should note that the material generated by these programs may be inaccurate, incomplete, or otherwise problematic. Beware that use may also stifle your own independent thinking and creativity. You may not submit any work generated by an AI program as your own. If you include material generated by an AI program, it should be cited like any other reference material. Any plagiarism or other form of cheating will be dealt with severely under the Academic Integrity Policy and the Student Code of Conduct. *Adapted from Holly Fernandez, University of Pennsylvania*

Sanctions for Academic Dishonesty

Any incidence of unprofessional conduct will be reported to the Program Director and/or the Dean of Student Life, who will take appropriate disciplinary actions in accordance with the disciplinary procedures outlined in this in this *Handbook, the Community College of Philadelphia Student Handbook and the Allied Health Department Clinical Code of Ethics*. If a student is found responsible for the violations, the sanctions include, but are not limited to, dismissal from the DH Program.

Withdrawal

Any student who must withdraw from the DH Program for personal or academic reasons during a semester must:

- meet with the DH Program Director or the Allied Health Department Head to obtain direction regarding "Dropping" program courses
- online submission to "Drop" courses through Student Records and Registration.
- return all borrowed DH Program materials to the DH Clinic Assistant.

If a student does not follow procedures as stated above or cannot drop the course because of college policy and remains on the course list, a grade of "F" will be granted for the course in question as well as all DH Program courses.

Any student wishing readmission to the DH Program must submit an application to the College Admissions Department and meet the criteria as stated in the Community College of Philadelphia College Catalog and on the Returning Students Requirements. Only **one remit** is permitted for the Dental Hygiene Program.

Returning students must complete clinical and didactic requirements, *Returning Student Clinical Requirements Document*, based upon the semester of return. Please review Requirements for Returning Students document for specific necessary requirements. Please note these requirements must be completed in the semester prior to the returning students return.

Student Kits

The Dental Hygiene students will be responsible for purchasing instrument/supply student kits. The kit purchase will take place in August of the beginning year and students cannot start the program without their entire kit, instruments and supplies. If a student does not continue in the Program, the Program is **NOT** responsible for returning the kit or incurring the cost of the kit. **You** may contact the distributor to discuss your options

Dress Code Policy

The CDC defines PPE as wearable equipment designed to protect dental healthcare professionals from exposure to or contact with infectious agents. PPE should effectively cover personal clothing, which includes head coverings, and skin likely to be soiled with blood, saliva, and other potentially infectious materials. As of 9/12/2022, all CCP students must wear the following PPE, Disposable gowns, disposable head covers, eye protection (safety glasses), gloves and level 3 mask. The N95 mask and shield must be worn while performing aerosol producing procedures (finishing and polishing restorations, coronal polish and air powder polish).

Uniforms

While in the clinical or preclinical courses, students must wear the program uniform (ceil scrubs), and disposable gowns (PPE). Uniforms must be comfortable, loose fitting and adjust to weight changes. Students must wear program selected attire. Disposable surgical gowns will be worn over uniforms in the clinic and removed before leaving the clinic. Plain white short or long sleeve knit fabric may be worn under the uniform. Turtlenecks are not acceptable, and shirts must be tucked into clinic pants.

Lab Coat

Students must wear knee length program-selected, buttoned/snap lab coat during all DH course labs.

Footwear

Students must wear white or black program regulation (leather like/wipeable) shoes with white or black plain knee socks. These shoes are for clinic use only; shoes should be wet wiped after each session (a leather or leather like type only) and left in the locker room.

Nails

Students nails must be manicured, free of polish, clean and short enough not to be seen from the palm side.

Make-up

Students may wear a moderate amount of make-up suitable for day-time clinical settings. For example, acceptable are light mascara, blush and lipstick.

Hair

Extreme hair color is not permitted; colors such as blue, green, pink, orange and purple. Natural hair coloring is required while in the dental hygiene clinic, lab and or pre-clinic sessions.

ALL Students must wear head covering so that the hair off the face and shoulders. Bangs, hair on the side of the head and back must be secured. Plain barrettes, headbands close to the hair color, combs and bobby pins are permitted under head covering.

Males need to be clean shaven in ALL DH Program courses which include a lab and or a pre-clinic or clinical course.

Tattoos

There will be NO EXPOSED tattoos while in pre-clinic, clinic, or lab. Your clinic gown is not sufficient as it is see through. All tattoos should be covered by a long sleeve shirt, bandage, waterproof makeup or another clothing item.

Jewelry

Students are **NOT PERMITTED** to wear jewelry of any type.

- a. NO rings
- b. NO earrings
- c. NO necklaces
- d. NO bracelets
- e. NO pins
- f. NO jewelry in facial area or tongue piercing

Watches are permitted as long as the watchband can be disinfected before and after each patient.

Dental Hygiene Program Mission Statement and Graduate Goals

Mission Statement

The Dental Hygiene Program provides a low cost, high quality integrated collegiate level academic and professional education to a diverse student population. Graduates will be competent to serve and educate individuals in the community and function as an integral member of the dental team. Graduates will provide ethical, quality patient care, which will be assessed, planned, implemented and evaluated in a safe and service oriented environment. Graduates will be life long learners by reviewing the current research, which will enable them to make informed decisions regarding patient education, quality patient care and service to a multicultural community.

Program Goals

1. The Dental Hygiene Graduates will complete a comprehensive and integrated collegiate level academic and professional education.
2. Dental Hygiene Graduates will be competent to serve and educate individuals in the community.
3. The Dental Hygiene students will conduct quality patient care, which will be assessed, planned, implemented and evaluated in a safe and service oriented environment.
4. Dental Hygiene graduates will function as integral members of the dental health team and be life long learners by reviewing the current research which will enable the graduate to make informed decisions regarding patient education, quality patient care and service to the community.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program graduates will be able to:

- Qualify for all national and regional examinations required to obtain licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- Work effectively as a team member and make decisions regarding dental hygiene services that reflect critical thinking and problem solving.
- Demonstrate quality patient care and disease prevention for patients with a variety of oral health needs while using the phases of assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation in a safe and service-oriented environment.
- Review contemporary scientific literature in the dental hygiene field which will enable the graduate to remain mindful of current trends.
- Formulate informed decisions using evidenced-based patient-centered dental hygiene care for all.
- Manage patient treatment and information, ensuring confidentiality and compliance with relevant legislation and ethical responsibilities.

COMPETENCY**EVALUATION METHOD / COURSE****I. PROFESSIONALISM****COMPETENCY****EVALUATION METHOD / COURSE****1. ETHICS.**

The dental hygienist must respect the rights of patients, colleagues, other health professionals and safeguard their confidence within the constraints of legal, ethical and moral conduct.	Written Examinations	150 Dental Auxillaries 295 Dental Hygiene Clinic V
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COMPETENCY

EVALUATION METHOD/COURSE

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II. HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION

COMPETENCY	EVALUATION METHOD/COURSE	
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II. HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION

COMPETENCY	EVALUATION METHOD/COURSE	
5. COMMUNICATION. The dental hygienist must utilize effective written and verbal communication to educate patients, the community and the profession regarding oral health in a respectful and compassionate manner.	Written Evaluation	135 Dental Radiology 165 Nutrition & Biochemistry 241 Oral Pathology 245 Dental Pharmacology 247 Periodontics I 271 Community Dentistry 191, 192, 293, 294, 295 Clinical Dental Hygiene I-V 210 Local Anesthesia
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III. PATIENT CARE

COMPETENCY	EVALUATION METHOD/ COURSE	
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III. PATIENT CARE

COMPETENCY	EVALUATION METHOD/COURSE
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Commission on Dental Accreditation

The Commission on Dental Accreditation will review complaints that relate to a program's compliance with the accreditation standards. The Commission is interested in the sustained quality and continued improvement of dental and dental-related education programs but does not intervene on behalf of individuals or act as a court of appeals for individuals in matters of admission, appointment, promotion or dismissal of faculty, staff or students.

A copy of the appropriate accreditation standards and/or the Commission's policy and procedure for submission of complaints may be obtained by contacting the Commission at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678 or by calling 1-800-621-8099 extension 4653.

Student Statement of Understanding

I, _____, having been accepted into
(Print Your Name)
the Dental Hygiene Program at the Community College of Philadelphia understand the following:

1. The program requires guided clinical experiences in The Community College of Philadelphia Dental Hygiene Clinic. Health care professionals will be evaluating my performance during the clinical experience. It is my responsibility to be prepared for each task.
2. I will be performing Dental Hygiene skills by integrating the knowledge and competencies taught to me throughout the program in a clinical setting. I must be familiar with the information presented in the curriculum to take full advantage of and to succeed during the educational experiences.
3. My cognitive, psychomotor, affective and clinical skills will be evaluated throughout the clinical experience, with numerous formal evaluations/tasks to be completed. I understand that I must meet designated competency levels by the end of the didactic and / or clinical experience in order to continue in the Dental Hygiene Program.
4. I will be under the direct supervision of a clinical instructor.
5. I must report to the clinical facility on all scheduled dates on time, with the necessary equipment, as defined in the DH Handbook and Course Syllabus.
6. I must adhere to the established dress code outlined in the DH Handbook.
7. I will be working directly with patients and health care professionals and must conduct myself in a professional manner at all times.
8. I will be part of a group learning experience where my performance will be observed by several individuals.
9. I will be expected to apply classroom concepts to problem-solving situations in the clinical environment.
10. I will have to explain procedures and/or equipment to patients in terminology that is understandable to them.
11. I will be sensitive to and respectful of the patients' safety and privacy.
12. Due to the nature of the Dental Hygiene duties, performing procedures in a timely and confident manner is essential. When an emergency situation develops and/or pressure situations occur, I am expected to respond in a calm, professional and efficient manner.

13. I will expect to receive feedback by the clinical instructor (s) throughout this clinical experience working with patients. When this information is provided to me, I will accept the feedback in a positive manner and demonstrate that I have benefited from it.
14. It is understood that I will be a student within the Dental Hygiene Clinic, with in the College, and will conduct myself accordingly. All required and published policies; standards; and procedures of these agencies will be followed.
15. I have read and agreed to adhere to the College's policies, rules and regulations related to the Dental Hygiene Program.
16. I understand information regarding a patient or former patient is confidential and is to be used only for clinical purposes within an educational setting.
17. I understand any action on my part inconsistent with the above stated understandings may warrant suspension of my educational experience and training. I understand that if I am removed from clinic and or the classroom as a result of my behavior/attitude, I may then be removed from the Dental Hygiene Program.
18. It is understood that I am liable for my own medical and hospitalization insurance and that I am required to carry this insurance.

I have read, understand each statement, and I agree to abide by the above.

Student's Signature

Date

Please detach this page after signing and return it to the Program Director at the DH orientation.

Performance Standards for Allied Health Programs

The Community College of Philadelphia’s Department of Allied Health has adopted the following Core Performance Standards for all applicants to the Allied Health degree and certificate programs. These standards are based upon required abilities that are compatible with effective performance in allied health programs. If an applicant is not able to meet the Core Performance Standards, he/she is responsible to identify his/her inability to perform the required tasks, with or without accommodation. If while in the program, a student fails to meet the Core Performance Standards, with or without accommodation, the student will be removed from the program as the Performance Standards are considered Essential Functions for health care professionals.

All students are required to meet these performance standards. Allowing for individual differences, and encouraging program completion for students with a documented disability, the allied health programs will work with the student and the Center on Disability to provide any reasonable accommodation to meet these performance standards when appropriate.

Capability	Standard	Examples of Activities (Not All Inclusive)
Cognitive-Perception	The ability to perceive events realistically, to think clearly and rationally, and to function appropriately and efficiently in routine and stressful situations	Identify changes in patient/client health status. Handle multiple priorities in stressful situations and remain calm.
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for sound clinical judgment	Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations. Develop plans of care Respond competently within scope of practice. Interpret patient condition and apply appropriate intervention.
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.	Establish rapport with patients/ clients and colleagues appropriately. Demonstrate high degree of patience. Manage a variety of patient/client expressions (anger, fear, hostility) in a calm and professional manner. React appropriately to constructive criticism.
Communication	Communication abilities in English sufficient for appropriate interaction with others in verbal and written form.	Read, understand, write and speak English competently. Explain treatment procedures. Initiate health teaching. Document patient/client responses. Validate responses/messages with others. Obtain medical history accurately and document clearly. Read (decode), write, and understand on demand.
Mobility	Ambulatory capability to sufficiently maintain a center of gravity when met with an opposing force as in lifting, supporting and/or transferring a patient/client.	The ability to propel wheelchairs, stretchers, etc., alone or with assistance as available. Ability to ambulate without assistive devices in confined areas.
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective care and documentation.	Position patients/clients Reach, manipulate, and operate equipment, instruments, and supplies. Document information electronically and in writing. Lift 25 pounds, carry, and push and pull using proper body mechanics. Perform CPR.

Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess, or document health needs/information.	Hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, and cries for help. Hear telephone interactions. Hear dictation being given from multiple directions and when facemasks are being used.
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in patient/client care, and perform accurate color discrimination.	Observe patient/client responses. Discriminate color changes. Accurately read measurement on patient/client related equipment. Visual dexterity with eye/hand coordination.
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment, inclusive of size, shape, temperature, and texture.	Performs palpation. Performs functions of examination and/or those related to physical therapeutic intervention, (e.g., insertion of a needle) safely and competently.
Activity Tolerance	The ability to tolerate lengthy periods of physical activity.	Move quickly and/or tolerate long periods of standing and/or sitting. Perform tasks accurately under time constraints.
Environmental	Ability to tolerate environmental stressors.	Adapt to rotating shifts. Work with chemicals and detergents. Tolerate exposure to fumes and odors. Work in areas that are close and crowded. Perform with minimal supervision. React quickly to emergency situations and control emotions.

These are the essential skills that a student must possess in order to progress satisfactorily through an allied health program. Should a prospective student have a preexisting condition, which prohibits his or her ability to perform one or more of these skills, it is highly advised that the student pursue professional assistance for an evaluation of career suitability. Campus resources are available to assist with this process. For more information, contact the Career Services Center (CI-34). Students who have a disability, which may impact upon the ability to provide patient care, may want to contact the Center on Disabilities (BG-39).

Upon admission, a candidate who discloses a disability and requests accommodation will be asked to provide documentation of his or her disability for the purpose of determining appropriate accommodations, including modification to the program. The College will provide reasonable accommodations, but is not required to make modifications that would substantially alter the nature or requirements of the program or provide auxiliary aids that present an undue burden to the College. To matriculate or continue in the curriculum, the candidate must be able to perform all of the essential functions with or without accommodations.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, student must be, with or without reasonable accommodations, physically and mentally capable of performing the essential functions of the program. If a student believes that he or she cannot meet one or more of the essential functions without accommodations or modifications, the allied health program, along with a counselor from the Center on Disability, will determine, on an individual basis, whether or not the necessary accommodations or modifications can reasonably be made.

Occasionally, a student may experience a change in the status of these requirements while progressing through the program. Should this occur, the student is required to notify the Program Director. The student will be provided with referrals for professional assistance. Each student will be given the opportunity to meet clinical objectives within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the respective program director in consultation with the Center on Disability. However, a student may be denied continued enrollment in an allied health program until any identified issue is resolved. Should the issue remain unresolved after a reasonable period of time, the student may be dropped from the course.

I have read each of the required Core Performance Standards/Essential Functions. I am able to perform all essential functions without any accommodations.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Print

Signature

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Allied Health Department
Clinical Code of Conduct

As a student in an allied health program, appropriate behavior and attitudes are expected while in the classroom, at the College, and in the clinical facilities. Clinical misconduct that endangers patient safety will not be tolerated and may result in immediate dismissal from the course and program. The student must not threaten the physical and/or psychological well-being of a patient, a patient's family, an employee, faculty, or other student by his/her performance in the clinical area. If this occurs, the student may fail the course in which the student is currently enrolled or be removed from the program.

Students are held accountable for any real or potential threat to a patient, an employee, faculty or a student. A behavior or consistent behaviors that result in a threat to the patient's, employee's faculty's or student's physical and/or psychological behavior is termed "at risk" behavior. Examples of "at risk" behavior(s) include but are not limited to:

1. Violating principles learned in previous semesters. (e.g., a breach in aseptic technique)
2. Using or displaying inappropriate verbal or non-verbal behavior in the presence of the patient, the patient's family, an employee, or faculty.
3. Violating HIPAA regulations regarding patient confidentiality and protected health information
4. Administering the wrong medication or wrong dosage.
5. Demonstrating lack of progress in performing required skills.
6. Criticizing patients, faculty, and/or staff.
7. Exceeding the absenteeism and/or punctuality policy established for clinical experience.
8. Communicating negative value judgments to patients and employees.
9. Demonstrating incompetence/lack of preparation for the clinical assignment.
10. Practicing outside the legal and ethical framework of the profession.
11. Performing procedures prior to faculty/clinical staff approval.
12. Violating professional standard of practice. (e.g., integrity, respect)
13. Fabricating patient information in a patient's medical record including forging signatures.
14. Stealing medication for personal use or for the benefit of others.
15. Violating the sexual harassment policy as defined in the College's Student Handbook with an employee of the clinical facility, College faculty and/or students.

One “at-risk” behavior may warrant immediate dismissal from the program if the behavior poses a serious threat to the physical and/or psychological well-being of patients, employees, faculty and students.

Procedure

1. “At-risk” behavior(s) will be documented on the appropriate form. The form must be completed to include all pertinent data stated clearly and the “at-risk” behavior(s) specifically identified.
2. If the faculty member or clinical coordinator is in doubt or if there are extenuating circumstances involved, the faculty member will meet with the clinical site supervisor and one additional faculty member to make a decision regarding the “at-risk” behavior.
3. A student and faculty conference will be held after the “at-risk” behavior has been documented to review the behavior, make recommendations, and obtain the student’s comments and signature.
4. A copy of the form will be given to the student, faculty member, clinical coordinator, clinical site supervisor and curriculum coordinator.
5. When a second “at-risk” behavior has been documented, the following procedures will be instituted:
 - a. The student will be counseled by the clinical coordinator, a faculty member and/or the curriculum coordinator regarding termination or removal from the currently enrolled course or program.
 - b. The student may withdraw by the designated withdrawal date from the course and receive a “W” for the course.
 - c. If the student is removed from the course and/or program by the curriculum coordinator, the student may appeal this decision to the department head and dean.

Note: Program director and curriculum coordinator are synonymous terms that can be used interchangeably in this document.

I have read each of the Clinical Code of Conduct and understand the appropriate behavior and attitudes that are expected while in the Dental Hygiene Program.

Name: _____
Print

Date: _____

Signature

**CERTIFICATE OF READINESS TO RETURN TO COLLEGE (DH Program)
AFTER ABSENCE DUE TO MEDICAL REASONS**

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER: The following student is requesting to be able to return to the _____ Program at the Community College of Philadelphia after leaving the Program for medical reasons. The College will use the information you provide to determine whether the student is able to return, as well as the accommodations, if any, which the student may need in order to return to the Program. Please complete this form, sign it, and return it to the Community College of Philadelphia, Center on Disability, 1700 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130, Attn: Wendy Kohler.

Student Information and Authorization

Student Name _____ Student's Date of Birth _____

Student authorizes the Healthcare Provider to release the student's health information to the Community College of Philadelphia. Student authorizes the College to contact the Healthcare Provider for additional health information if necessary.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Medical Provider Questions

1. Since what date have you worked with the student? _____

2. How often have you seen the student? _____

3. Describe the student's impairment at the time she had to leave the _____ Program (please specify symptoms and diagnosis):

4. Explain the current status of the impairment and the original symptoms:

5. Given the current status of the student's impairment, is this student able to return to the _____ Program? **Yes or No (Please Circle One)**

In determining whether the student is able to return to the _____ Program, please consider whether the student is able to meet the general expectations for students in the College's _____ Program and Allied Health Programs (which includes the _____ Program) with or without reasonable accommodations, as described in the enclosed document(s).

Please explain why the current status of the student's impairment does or does not enable the student to return to the Program.

6. Will the student need any accommodations in order to return to the _____ Program? **Yes or No (Please Circle One)**

In determining whether the student will need any accommodations in order to return to the _____ Program, please consider the general expectations for students in the College's _____ Program and Allied Health Programs (which includes the _____ Program), as described in the enclosed document(s).

If yes, please explain below what accommodations the student will need in order to return to the _____ Program.

Healthcare Provider Information and Signature

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Type of Practice/Specialty: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I have read each of the Readiness to Return and understand that ALL of my current Healthcare Providers will need to complete prior to re-admittance to the DH Program.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Print

Signature

**Community College of Philadelphia
Clinical Code of Conduct Report Form
Department of Allied Health**

Name of Program: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____AM/PM

Student's Name: _____

Student Identification
Number: _____

Student's Address: _____

Student's Phone #: _____

Clinical Site: _____

Clinical Site Address: _____

Clinical Site Phone #: _____

Witness(es)

Name	Identification Number	Phone Number
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Description of Incident (Please be specific and factual. Who, what, when, where, and why.)

Faculty Member's Signature: _____

Clinical Coordinator's Signature: _____

Clinical Site Supervisor's
Signature: _____

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Community College of Philadelphia
Dental Hygiene Program
Pregnancy Release Form and Documentation of Pregnancy

I. Pregnancy Release form: To be completed by all female students annually.

A pregnant student in the nursing program is required to make her condition known to the head of the nursing program and her clinical instructor and to submit appropriate documentation from her attending physician or health care provider. As a result of learning activities, students may be exposed to risk factors such as but not limited to communicable diseases, strenuous activity, toxic substances and radiation. Neither Community College of Philadelphia nor its affiliating clinical agencies assume responsibility to any harm that might occur to a fetus or a pregnant student.

My signature below indicates that I have read and I understand the Pregnancy Release Form.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____ J# _____

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This release must be signed by all female students

II. Documentation of Pregnancy: To be completed at the time when a female student learns that she is pregnant.

_____ is _____ months pregnant and currently under my care. She may continue to participate in the laboratory and clinical experience to meet the objectives of the Dental Hygiene courses.*

_____ Date _____ Signature _____

_____ Print Name and Title _____

 Address _____

City , State Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail: _____

****The student can provide the Dr. a copy of the course objectives if necessary this is NOT a release form for DH 120, Local Anesthesia. NO pregnant DH student may proceed**

with the program Local Anesthesia Course, DH 210.

Guidelines for Purchasing Health Insurance

All students enrolled in the Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Respiratory Care, Diagnostic Medical Imaging, Clinical Lab Technician, Phlebotomy and Medical Assisting Programs are required to have health insurance for the duration of the Program. If you do not have a health insurance plan, it can be confusing and difficult to choose a plan. The following information should be helpful:

1. Health insurance is one of those things that "you get what you pay for". It is possible to purchase a plan that costs about \$100 a month but it will most likely have a high deductible and most likely will not pay to have your required health form completed and will not cover the cost of healthcare needed when you are sick or injured until you pay out of pocket that amount.
2. First ask your parents if you can be covered on their plan. A recent Federal Law says that parents can keep a child on their plan until age 26 even if they are not a full time college student. This would be a low cost option for you.
3. If being on a parent's policy is not an option, two good web sites to look at are ***ibx.com*** for Independence Blue Cross and ***aetna.com*** for Aetna. They are two large companies that sell health insurance in this area.
 - You will be asked to enter your zip code, date of birth and whether you are a male or female to help you choose a policy and to give you pricing information.
 - Look for a plan that says PPO or HMO and has co-pays for doctor's office visits - usually one amount for a primary care doctor and another for a specialist such as a dermatologist or cardiologist. You do not want a plan with a high deductible such as \$5000 or \$10,000. These plans will not pay for care until you document with receipts that you have paid this much money for healthcare. Choosing a \$30 co pay will have a lower monthly payment than a plan with a \$10 co pay.
4. Adult Basic Insurance - this is a Pennsylvania state plan for low income individuals. You may qualify for one of these plans if you have a low income. There may be a waiting list for this plan. Call 1-866-282-2702 for more information. The process for applying and receiving this insurance will take several weeks or even months so start well before the semester begins.

Glossary

Co pay - the amount that you pay to see a doctor for an appointment. It may be anywhere from \$10 - \$30 for a primary care doctor and \$20 - \$50 for a specialist. The insurance pays the additional amount billed by the doctor at an agreed upon rate. You can lower your monthly payment by increasing your co-pay for office visits. There may or may not be co-pays for lab tests or x-rays or even for each day you are in the hospital. For example, a visit to an orthopedic doctor may cost you \$30 but the doctor's fee may be \$250 or an MRI may cost you \$20 and the fee may be \$1500.

Deductible - an amount that you must spend on healthcare before your insurance will pay for care. For example, if you have a plan with a \$5000 deductible, the plan will not pay for healthcare until you have spent \$5000 on healthcare and can document this with receipts before the plan begins to pay for your healthcare. Increasing a deductible will bring down your monthly payment, but it will not pay for completion of your health form or

routine care. This type of insurance would most likely only be used if you need surgery or hospitalization. You may be able to see a primary doctor for the co-pay and not have to meet the deductible - be sure to ask about this before purchasing this type of insurance.

In-Network - Doctors, hospitals, OP Imaging centers and lab collection centers can be part of the plan - in-network - and will cost you less in co-pays.

Out of Network - Co-pays for those not on the approved list will be higher. Choosing facilities and providers in-network will cost you less out of pocket. For example, your plan may say that if you have blood collected at Lab Corp, you have no co-pay, but if you go to a hospital, or other private lab or drawn in your doctor's office, the plan may pay only part of the bill.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM**

Handbook and Clinical Code Acknowledgement and Consent, 2023-2025

I have read the Community College of Philadelphia, Dental Hygiene Program Student Handbook and fully understand the policies and procedures stated. The policies and procedures therein apply to me as a Dental Hygiene student while I am taking classes and in my laboratory and clinical education settings. I further understand that these policies and procedures are subject to modification by the College and Department faculty. My signature below affirms that I have read the complete Handbook and agree to abide by the policies and procedures while I am a Dental Hygiene student.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Please detach this page after signing and UPLOAD to CASTLEBRANCH prior to the DH orientation.