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Dear Dental Hygiene Program Applicant*:

Thank you for your interest in the Oxnard College Dental Hygiene Program (OCDHP). Enclosed you should find the dental hygiene application for admission, application process/procedures sheet, and an application self-checklist. Applications for the class entering in fall 2012 will be accepted until March 1, 2012. Applications postmarked or hand-delivered after March 1st will not be accepted.

The number of students admitted each year to the program is limited, but in recent years, most qualified applicants have had the opportunity for admittance. Qualified applicant names will be drawn using a lottery process in order to develop a ranking for each applicant. All applicants will be notified in writing of their status in May 2012. Data about the exact rankings or the number of applications received are not shared, so please do not contact the OCDHP requesting this information. If an applicant is anxious to secure a spot in the program, then the best path is for applicants to prepare for entrance through successful completion of any in-progress prerequisites and DH R001. Applicants also need to ensure that they are financially prepared for program entrance as accepted students will be required to expend approximately \$6000 (materials and instruments needed to start the program, does not include books or tuition) shortly after notification of acceptance. Applicants are highly recommended to contact the Financial Aid office, (805)986-5828, right away if financial need is anticipated.

High ranking candidates will be given *provisional* acceptance and will need to successfully complete the DH R001 Pre-Dental Hygiene course in spring 2012 and attend *both* mandatory orientations in order to be admitted into the Oxnard College Dental Hygiene Class of 2014. Information on DH R001 Pre-Dental Hygiene is available through www.OxnardCollege.edu. There will also be two orientation sessions sponsored by the Dental Department—both orientations are mandatory. The first orientation usually occurs at the end of May and the second usually occurs in mid-August. High ranking candidates will receive notice of the exact dates for the orientations following notification of provisional acceptance into the program.

Note: Candidates who miss all (serious applicants should be careful not be scheduled trips that will interfere with the orientations) or any part of either orientation (due to tardiness, leaving early, etc.) will be immediately disqualified and forfeit their ranking. Also, orientations are open by invitation only and are for candidates only.

All candidates that are admitted into the Oxnard College Dental Hygiene Program will be required to submit proof of a recent (less than one year old) physical examination and provide verification of immunizations (forms for the health care provider to complete will be provided at the first orientation). Dental Hygiene students are also required to complete a Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course. A copy of the certification card must be included with your application.

If you have any questions, please contact the Dental Hygiene Department at (805) 986-5823. Again, thank you for your interest in the Oxnard College Dental Hygiene Program.

**Please be advised that is highly encouraged that applicants will have met with an Oxnard College counselor in order to discuss program requirements prior to the time of application.*

Sincerely,

Dr. Christina Tafoya, Coordinator
Oxnard College Dental Department

Oxnard College Dental Hygiene 2012 Application Process and Procedures

Application Period: December 1, 2011 to March 1, 2012

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Listed below are the program admissions requirements. In order for a student to be considered a qualified candidate for the lottery process, all requirements listed must be met.

Prerequisites:

- High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent
- Current CPR card (Health Care Provider with AED training preferred)

DH R001 is now a prerequisite course. It is being offered to help acclimate students to the rigors of the Oxnard College DH Program. Applicants are required to submit proof of enrollment with this application in order to be included in the lottery.

- DH R001 Introduction to Dental Hygiene (proof of enrollment)

The below program prerequisites must be completed **before** students can apply to the program. Applicants may have **one** of the below prerequisite courses in progress at time of application (corresponding lecture and lab are counted as one course in progress), but the course must be successfully completed by the end of the spring session of the applying year and the minimum GPA must be maintained. Proof of course completion is required and GPA will be recalculated to include any in progress work.

- MICR R100 Principles of Microbiology
- MICR R100L Principles of Microbiology Lab
- ANAT R100 General Human Anatomy
- ANAT R100L General Human Anatomy Lab
- PHSO R100 Human Physiology
- PHSO R100L Human Physiology Lab
- *Combined Physiology and Anatomy class with a lab will not be accepted.*
- CHEM R110 Elementary Chemistry
- CHEM R112 Elementary Organic and Biological Chemistry
- ENGL R101 College Composition
- PHY R101 General Psychology
- SPCH R101 Introduction to Oral Communication
- SOC R101 Introduction to Sociology

The courses listed above are not necessarily entry-level courses. Oxnard College offers courses to prepare students to succeed in these prerequisites, see a counselor for more information.

Grade Point Average & Course Recency:

Each prerequisite course must be completed with a “C” or better. Students must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA—**EVERY** college ever attended must be reported. A 3.0 or better cumulative GPA in prerequisite science courses is also required in order to be

accepted into the program. All prerequisite science courses must be completed within the last 5 years.

CPR Certification:

A valid adult, child, and infant CPR card including two-person CPR is required prior to applying to the Dental Hygiene Program. Courses can be obtained through Oxnard College (Course HS R010), The American Heart Association, or The American Red Cross. This certification must be kept current throughout the two-year program.

SELECTION PROCESS

Upon verification of meeting program prerequisites, all **qualified** candidates will be included in a lottery selection pool. A random selection process will be initiated to rank all the qualified applicants. The 20 highest ranking candidates who successfully complete DH R001 and both mandatory orientations will be offered admission to the DH Class of 2014. There is no yearly waiting list. Unsuccessful candidates must reapply each year.

ESTIMATED DENTAL HYGIENE EXPENSES

The Oxnard College Dental Hygiene Program is estimated to cost approximately \$15,000 for California residents and \$25,000 for non-residents during the two years (not including personal costs such as living expenses—see table below.) Many of these expenses are over-and-above the normal student expenses, such as textbooks and tuition. These additional costs are associated with uniforms, personal protective equipment, clinic materials, instruments, equipment, supplies, loops, class dues, membership dues, dental health projects. Graduates will also pay fees to the state and examining agencies for licensure examinations. If you are in need of financial assistance, you should contact the Office of Student Financial Services at (805) 986-5828.

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST
Instrument Kit (includes most instruments for the entire 2 years, with the exception of replacement instruments, advanced instruments, and new instruments for the State Boards)	\$6,000
Additional/Replacement Instruments	\$700
Textbooks	\$1,850
Loupes (glasses) + accessories	\$1,500
Materials Kits	\$2,000
Enrollment Fees:	
California Resident (\$36 per unit @ 55 units)	\$1,980
College Health & Student Rep Fee (\$18/semester)	\$72
Student Center Fee (\$1/unit, max \$10/year)	\$20
Campus Parking (\$40/year X 2 years)	\$80
Scrubs + safety glasses	\$200
Professional Dues (CDHA, SADHA)	\$120
Miscellaneous (\$100/semester)	\$400
<u>Resident APPROXIMATE TOTAL</u>	<u>\$14,922</u>
Enrollment Fees: Non-Resident (\$198 per unit @ 55 units)	\$10,890
<u>Non-Resident APPROXIMATE TOTAL</u>	<u>\$23,832</u>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The Oxnard College Dental Hygiene Program is accredited through the Commission on Dental Accreditation.
- The Dental Hygiene Program is a two-year degree program. Therefore, in addition to the dental hygiene program prerequisites and the actual dental hygiene courses, students are required to complete general education courses. It is **recommended** that these courses be taken prior to entry into the program. Listed below are the required general education courses to graduate, but are not considered prerequisites to the program. For class descriptions, call the counseling office (805) 986-5816.
 - ✓ **Communication/ Analytical Thinking** One course
 - ✓ **Fine Arts** One course
 - ✓ **Physical Education** One Activity course
 - ✓ **Health Science** One course
 - ✓ **U.S. History or Political Science** One course
 - ✓ **Humanities** One course
- Graduation requires successful completion of one math class (equivalent to elementary algebra or higher) and one reading/college literature class, as approved by transcript evaluator.
- Because entrance in the lottery selection pool is based on cumulative GPA, all students who have completed any courses outside the United States will need to have a foreign record evaluation (contact the counseling office for approved foreign records evaluation agencies).
- The Dental Hygiene Program's courses are taken in a block, i.e., all students take the same courses each semester. The program requires four full-time semesters for completion (12-16 units each semester). Class times are Monday thru Saturday and often include early mornings and evenings.
- Classes, clinical training and related activities are conducted on the Oxnard College campus, however, some off campus activities are also required. Students must provide their own transportation.

In compliance with the Board of Dental Examiners, Committee on Dental Auxiliaries, all applicants for the California Dental Hygiene licensure must (1) successfully complete the Board Examination, and (2) have no criminal record, or the board must determine that a past criminal record poses no threat to the public health, safety, or welfare. Fingerprinting is required and checked through the Department of Justice and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The applicant must report on the Application for Licensure, any convictions or pleas of nolo contendere, even if the conviction was dismissed. Making a false statement on an application, regarding a past conviction, is cause for denial of license, regardless of the nature of the crime or how long ago it occurred.

Oxnard College Dental Hygiene Application Self-Checklist

+This check-off list is included for your convenience. Do not include it with your application materials.

Applications must submit this information either in person or send via certified mail to the Oxnard College Dental Hygiene Department postmarked no later than March 1, 2012. All qualified packets received or postmarked by March 1, 2012 will be treated equally, regardless of the submission date.

CHECK WHEN COMPLETED

- Completed Dental Hygiene Department Application form _____
- One sealed official* college transcripts from every Ventura County Community College (Oxnard College, Moorpark College, and Ventura Colleges) attended or currently attending _____
- Two sealed official* college transcripts from every other college attended or currently attending _____
- Copy of High School transcript _____
- Copy of current CPR Certification _____
- Work in progress verification _____

*“Official” means a **sealed** transcript from the college. When the college transcript comes to you, **do not break the seal**. If the seal is broken, we cannot accept the transcript. Forward your transcripts to along with your application packet.

Applications should be hand delivered or sent by **certified mail** to the address below:

Oxnard College
Dental Hygiene Department
4000 South Rose Avenue
Oxnard, CA 93033