

# Dental Hygiene Technology



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**MERIDIAN**  
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# Admission Requirements

Progression: To meet graduation requirements for this program, students must successfully complete the specified courses listed below with a "C" average (GPA of 2.00) or better. A grade of "C" or higher is required in each DHT course to progress in the program. All coursework must be passed.

Minimum admission requirements (in addition to general admission requirements):

Attain an 18 composite score on the ACT;

Or

Complete 18 semester hours with a "C" average or above at an accredited college or university. These 18 hours of coursework must be selected from the following: Chemistry Survey, Anatomy and Physiology I and II with Labs, Microbiology with Lab, Nutrition, General Psychology, and English Composition I. Anatomy and Physiology must have been completed within five years prior to admission into the DHT program;

And

Have a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.00 ("C" average) on all previous college coursework;

And

Complete Chemistry Survey (CHE 1113) and Lab (CHE 1111) or higher level;

And

Submit all transcripts (high school and college), ACT scores, a handwritten autobiographical information sheet, proof of eight (8) hours observation in a dental clinic and an MCC application, by the April 30 deadline. All applicants must attend a DHT Information Session. Applicants will receive notice from the Registrar's Office about scheduling their Information Session. Final college transcripts must be received by May 21.

The DHT Admissions Committee will select each year's class from the pool of applicants who meet minimum requirements. Any application with incomplete records will not be considered for admission. The admission process is competitive, and completion of minimum requirements is not a guarantee of admission. Priority consideration for admission will be given as follows: 1) In-district students who complete program prerequisites and/or general education coursework at MCC; 2) Out-of-district students who complete program prerequisites and/or general education coursework at MCC; 3) Mississippi residents who complete program prerequisites and/or general education coursework elsewhere; 4) Out-of-state students. Check with the Health Education advisor for selection details and deadlines.

Prior to classes beginning, students are required to receive the Hepatitis-B vaccination (or present physician's statement stating that this vaccination is not advisable). Students are also required to obtain a CPR Healthcare Provider (two year) certification and proof of immunization for MMR and varicella. A Mantoux Two-Step TB Skin Test and drug screening will be scheduled after enrollment. All these conditions must be met prior to the start of clinical training.

All students admitted into the program will be required to pay for fingerprinting and background checks, which will be performed after admission and prior to clinical laboratories. These fees will be attached as registration fees. For additional information, please contact the Health Education Advisor.

Students in the Dental Hygiene Technology Program must attend MCC full-time (12 or more semester credit hours).

**The admission process is competitive. Performance in the following Dental Hygiene academic core courses is used in computing an applicant's admission ranking:**

## Course of study:

### Program prerequisites:

CHE 1113	Chemistry Survey (Basic)	3
CHE 1111	Chemistry Survey Lab	1
	Total Credit Hours	4

The following courses are not prerequisites, but completion increases program admission competitiveness:

ENG 1113	English Composition I	3	BIO 2521	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
PSY 1513	General Psychology	3	BIO 2923	Microbiology	3
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	BIO 2921	Microbiology Laboratory	1
SOC 2113	Introduction to Sociology	3	BIO 1613	Nutrition	3
BIO 2513	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	SPT 1113	Public Speaking	3
BIO 2511	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1		Semester Hours	30
BIO 2523	Anatomy and Physiology II	3			

# Course of Study

## FIRST YEAR

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<b>First Semester</b>	<b>Hours</b>
DHT 1115 Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene	5
DHT 1212 Dental Anatomy	2
DHT 1314 Dental Radiology	4
DHT 1911 Dental Hygiene Seminar I	1
<b>Semester Hours</b>	<b>12</b>

### Second Semester

DHT 1416 Clinical Dental Hygiene I	6
DHT 1513 Periodontics	3
DHT 1232 Oral Histology/Embryology	2
DHT 1222 Head and Neck Anatomy	2
DHT 1921 Dental Hygiene Seminar II	1
<b>Semester Hours</b>	<b>14</b>

## SECOND YEAR

### First Semester

DHT 2425 Clinical Dental Hygiene II	5
DHT 2713 Dental Pharmacology	3
DHT 2613 Dental Materials	3
DHT 2233 General/Oral Pathology	3
DHT 2931 Dental Hygiene Seminar III	1
<b>Semester Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

### Second Semester

DHT 2436 Clinical Dental Hygiene III	6
DHT 2814 Community Dental Health	4
DHT 2922 Dental Ethics/Law	2
DHT 2941 Dental Hygiene Seminar IV	1
<b>Semester Hours</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>88</b>

# Checklist for Admissions

- MCC application mailed/electronically submitted to the MCC Admissions Office
- Official high school transcript mailed to the MCC Admissions Office
- ACT score mailed to the MCC Admissions Office
- Official college transcripts from all colleges attended mailed to the MCC Admissions Office
- [Information sheet](#) - Must be handwritten and mailed to Dental Hygiene Dept
- [Observation Hours](#) form to be signed by a dental hygienist or dentist and faxed from their office. The minimum 8 hour observation should be performed within the year of application submission and faxed to the Dental Hygiene Dept. 601-581-3525.
- Have all the above delivered by the **April 30**
- Attend a Dental Hygiene Information session
- Call the Health Education Advisor for further info, 601-484-8629

Candidate's name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST BE FILLED OUT IN APPLICANT'S HANDWRITING**

1. Please list any honors, awards, you have received in high school or college:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please list any community organizations, church or school groups :

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

3. List any dental observation time/ dental work experience:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

4. List any military or work experience:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. What accomplishment(s) are you most proud of?

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6. Why do you think dental hygiene is the career choice for you?

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**MERIDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
VERIFICATION OF OBSERVATION HOURS  
FOR  
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM**

I verify \_\_\_\_\_

has observed a Registered Dental Hygienist for a minimum of eight (8) hours in partial fulfillment of requirements for the Dental Hygiene Program at Meridian Community College.

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Signature of Dentist or RDH: \_\_\_\_\_

Office of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Please leave this form with the dental office to be signed by the hygienist or dentist and faxed back to MCC Dental Hygiene department at 601-581-3525. This form will not be accepted if hand delivered by applicant.

# DHT ADMISSION CRITERIA

## Scale for Rating Applicants for Admission

### Category 1: ACT Composite Score

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18 – 1 pt  
 19-20 – 3 pts  
 21-22 – 5 pts  
 23-24 – 7 pts  
 25+ – 8 pts

### Category 2: Overall GPA

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2.0 – 1 pt  
 2.1-2.5 – 2 pts  
 2.6-3.0 – 3 pts  
 3.1-3.5 – 4 pts  
 3.6-4.0 – 5 pts

### Category 3: Core GPA (General Education Courses in DHT Curriculum)

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2.0 – 1 pt  
 2.1-2.5 – 2 pts  
 2.6-3.0 – 3 pts  
 3.1-3.5 – 4 pts  
 3.6-4.0 – 5 pts

### Category 4: DHT Curriculum Courses Completed

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	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
English Comp I	3	2	1
Sociology	3	2	1
Psychology	3	2	1
Nutrition	3	2	1
Speech	3	2	1
Humanities	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	18	12	6

### Category 5: Sciences Completed

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	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
A & P I	4	3	2
A & P II	4	3	2
*Chemistry Survey	4	3	2
Microbiology	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	16	12	8

\* Any higher-level chemistry course (i.e., 1214 General Chemistry I) earns one (1) additional point in each grade category. Example: A=5 pts; B=4 pts; C=3 pts.

### Category 6: Autobiographical Essay

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Rated 1-3 pts

### Category 7: MCC DAT graduate who passed Parts I and II of DANBY

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Rated 2 pts

\* In State – 1 pt