Dental Hygiene
2020 Advising Guide

Application Deadline: May 1 | Admission for Fall 2020

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General Program Info

LCC’s Dental Hygiene program has been nationally accredited since 1970. On the last accreditation visit (July 27, 2017) the program was approved without reporting requirements. The program is accredited by:

American Dental Association (ADA), Commission on Dental Accreditation
(https://www.ada.org/en/coda/accreditation)
211 East Chicago Avenue – Chicago, Illinois 60611

This program is Selective Admissions, which means admission into the program is on a competitive basis and does have program-specific entrance requirements. Admission is determined using a point system; those with the highest number of points each year will be selected for the available seats.

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<td>May 1</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>2 years (5 semesters, including Summer)</td>
<td>Face-to-face &amp; hybrid</td>
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For more information on this program and career, visit the program website (www.lcc.edu/academics/degrees/). Check out the Advising Guide site (https://internal.lcc.edu/hhs/advising_guides/) for the Dental Hygiene’s program mission statement, goals, and outcomes.

Application Process

You must be an LCC student to be eligible for this program. Admission into the college does not guarantee entrance into a Selective Admissions program. For questions about the application process, email selective_admissions@star.lcc.edu. Follow these steps to apply:

1. **APPLY TO LCC:** If you are not currently and have never been an LCC student, apply to the college (https://lcc.edu/).

2. **TRANSFER STUDENTS:** If coming from another college, view our equivalency lists (https://lcc.edu/academics/transfer/equivalencies/) to find how your classes will transfer in. **Have all of your previous institutions send official transcripts directly to** LCC’s Registrars Office at the address listed on the equivalency site. Courses must transfer into LCC as the exact class to satisfy an admission requirement. _Official transcripts must be received by LCC’s Registrars Office no later than May 15th to be considered._ *The following grading scale will be used to convert letter grades to numerical:

   | A=4.0 | B+=3.5 | B/B-=3.0 | C+/C=2.5 | C-=2.0 | D+=0.0 |

3. **ATTEND A MANDATORY DENTAL HYGIENE INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR:** Candidates must attend one of these in-person sessions before applying to the program; attendance must be within 2 years of applying. Click here to register (https://signup.com/go/feOBDpW) for the seminar. Limited sessions are offered during the Fall and Spring semesters.

   *** DUE TO COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING, REMAINING SPRING SEMINARS ARE CANCELLED. CANDIDATES WHO HAVE NOT ATTENDED A SESSION CAN STILL APPLY FOR THE MAY 1ST APPLICATION DEADLINE. MAKEUP SESSIONS WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR THOSE ADMITTED. ***

4. **MEET WITH AN ACADEMIC ADVISOR FOR APPLICANT STATUS:** Academic Advisors (www.lcc.edu/services/advising/) are available by virtual appointment, chat, or email (eadvising@lcc.edu). To ensure you meet the admission requirements, schedule a virtual appointment with a Health Careers Advisor. Call (517) 483-1957 option 4 to schedule.*Please know to get the most out of your appointment, transfer transcripts should be on record before contacting an advisor.

5. **COMPLETE COURSE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** See next page for a list of admission requirements needed to be eligible to apply.

6. **SUBMIT SELECTIVE ADMISSION APPLICATION BY DEADLINE:** There is a non-refundable $50 fee to apply to this program. Complete the online Selective Admission Application by May 1st.
Admission Requirements

*Applicants must complete all of the following to be eligible to apply. **Coursework must be completed by the end of LCC’s Spring semester to be considered.**

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| **See Page 2** | Attend the mandatory Dental Hygiene Informational Seminar.  
*Must be completed with 2-Years of applying.* | N/A |
| 1 | BIOL 145: Anatomy & Physiology **OR**  
*BIOL 201: Human Anatomy AND  
*BIOL 202: Human Physiology  
*Recommended for transferability* | 2.5 |
| 1 | BIOL 203: Microbiology | 2.5 |
| 1 | CHEM 120: General Organic & Biological Chemistry | 2.5 |
|  | MATH 119, 120, 121, or higher.  
*Statistics will not fulfill this requirement.* | 2.0 |
| 2 | WRITING CORE: ENGL 121, 122, 131, or 132 | 2.0 |
| 2 | COMMUNICATION CORE: COMM 110, 120, or 130  
*Other communication courses may be accepted upon approval from the Program Director.* | 2.0 |
|  | SOCL 120: Introduction to Sociology | 2.0 |
|  | PSYC 200: Introduction to Psychology | 2.0 |

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENT NOTES:**

1. Science courses must be completed within 5 years of the application deadline.
2. The requirements for Writing, Communication, and Global Perspective Core classes will be waived by Selective Admissions ONLY IF the student has an Associate’s or higher degree AND there are no classes completing the requirement(s) on the student’s academic record. Official transcripts must show proof of degree. **Points will not be awarded for these classes if the requirement is waived by a degree.**
Applicants who complete all of the admission requirements will be ranked using the following point system. Those with the highest number of points will be selected for the available seats. **Admission decisions will be made mid-June.**

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| 1        | Points can be awarded for **ONE** of the following:  
  • **3 points:** Graduate of an Accredited Dental Assisting program  
  • **3 points:** 2 years (20+ hours/week) of paid work experience working chairside as a Dental Assistant.  
  • **1 point:** 208 hours (within one year) of paid work experience working chairside as a Dental Assistant.  
  *Dental Assisting experience must be within 5 years.* |             |
| 2        | Points can be awarded for **ONE** of the following:  
  • **3 points:** Associate degree  
  • **4 points:** Bachelor’s or higher degree |             |
|          | Points are awarded based on the highest grade earned in each of the following required courses.  
  4.0=**16 points**, 3.5=**14 points**, 3.0=**12 points**, 2.5=**10 points**  
  • BIOL 145 OR BIOL 201 & 202  
  • BIOL 203  
  • CHEM 120 |             |
|          | Points are awarded based on the highest grade earned in **each** of the following required courses.  
  4.0=**5 points**, 3.5=**4 points**, 3.0=**3 points**, 2.5=**2 points**, 2.0=**1 point**  
  • WRITING CORE: ENGL 121, 122, 131, or 132  
  • COMMUNICATION CORE: COMM 110, 120, or 130  
  • SOCL 120  
  • PSYC 200 |             |
|          | Points are awarded based on the highest grade earned in **each** of the following optional courses.  
  4.0=**5 points**, 3.5=**4 points**, 3.0=**3 points**, 2.5=**2 points**, 2.0=**1 point**  
  • BIOL 204: Microbiology Lab  
  • STAT 170 OR STAT 215 |             |
|          | All applicants will receive **10 points**. Two points will be deducted for each repeat in a required or additional point course. **A maximum of 10 points can be deducted.** | 10          |

**YOUR TOTAL POINTS:**
POINT SYSTEM NOTES:

1. A copy of your certificate from a CODA accredited Dental Assisting program must be attached to your application to earn points. Proof of work experience **must be documented by the HR department or a supervisor** on business letterhead and include dates of employment, job title, and a brief description of duties. Documentation must be attached to your application to earn points.

2. LCC students who apply and are approved for a degree during the Spring semester will earn points. Proof of degree completion must be on your LCC record by May 15th; proof is needed via an official transcript from your transfer school or for LCC degrees Selective Admissions can view this on your unofficial transcript.

3. A statistics course is recommended for students planning to transfer to a Bachelors program; talk to your desired transfer school for specifics.

4. Points will be deducted for withdraws and attempts at other institutions. Only attempts within 5 years are reviewed for the science courses; attempts within 10 years are reviewed for all other courses. Deductions are only given for a repeat in an identical/equivalent course. For example, no deduction will be given if you earn a 1.0 in COMM 120 and then complete COMM 130 with a 4.0.

   In the case of a tie in points, total number of points deducted for repeats followed by GPA of required science courses (A&P, BIOL 203, CHEM 120), number of additional point courses completed (STATs, BIOL 204), and GPA of additional point courses will be used.

Program Layout

Admitted applicants will be required to attend a mandatory program orientation that typically occurs mid-July. Candidates are advised to plan accordingly.

If admitted, the Dental Hygiene program begins during LCC’s Fall semester and is 2 years-long. Students will be on campus or in a Dental Hygiene activity 4-5 days/week. The Summer semester is shorter running for only 8-weeks; students should expect to be on campus 2 days/week in the Summer. Most classes meet in-person with 1-2 classes following a hybrid format. Courses do not run in the evening or on the weekend. Clinical experiences are offered on-site at LCC’s Dental Hygiene Clinic (www.lcc.edu/services/community-campus-resources/dental-clinic.html).

This program’s workload is equivalent to a full-time job. It is academically challenging and requires a great deal of time spent on patient recruitment and community activities. Candidates accepted into the program should expect to spend 3-4 hours studying every evening plus 6-8 hours each weekend. It is strongly suggested that students in the program work as little as possible.

Upon program completion, students earn a Dental Hygiene Associate of Applied Science degree. Graduates are eligible to take the National Dental Hygiene Board (NDHBE) examination and the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) examination;
both of which are required for licensure to practice. In addition, students are eligible to take the CDCA Local Anesthesia & Nitrous examination.

A complete program pathway, including course layout and recommended course sequence, is available on the college’s Degree & Certificate site (https://lcc.edu/academics/catalog/degree-certificate-programs/).

**Program Cost**

The approximate cost for a Dental Hygiene student who receives in-district tuition rates is $39,000; this includes the cost of prerequisite and in-program courses along with Dental supplies and textbooks. For a detailed cost sheet, including tuition rates for all residencies, visit the Advising Guide site (https://internal.lcc.edu/hhs/advising_guides/).

Be advised some DENT classes have a portion of the course fee that is non-refundable. Any student who registers for the class and then drops, withdraws, or is otherwise ineligible for the program will not be refunded the non-refundable portion. The non-refundable amount and the items included in course fees vary by class. Contact the Program Director (https://internal.lcc.edu/hhs/contact/) for more information.

**Criminal Background Check**

In order for this program to be in compliance with Michigan Public Act 26 of 2006, a **Criminal Background investigation is required for all students**. Directions for completing a Background Check, which may include fingerprinting and drug testing, will be given at the program orientation (after admission decisions are made). Please note digital fingerprinting will be required by the State of Michigan at the time of application for career licensure. To comply with State and Federal statutes, admission to this program will be denied for any of the following:

- Any felony conviction within 15 years + three years’ probation prior to application.
- Any misdemeanor within ten years prior to application that involved or is similar to the following:
  - Abuse, neglect, assault, battery
  - Criminal sexual conduct
  - Fraud or theft against a vulnerable adult (as defined by the Michigan penal code)

The [Michigan Workforce Background Check Program](www.miltcpartnership.org/documents/legalguide.pdf) provides detailed information regarding the types of crimes and their implications to employment suitability in health care facilities and agencies.

Any student who has been charged with a felony or a misdemeanor crime after admission to the program must contact the Program Director (https://internal.lcc.edu/hhs/contact/) within 72 hours of the charge. Students convicted of a crime(s) become ineligible, and therefore, will be dismissed from the Program.
Environmental Conditions - Standard Precautions

Applicants must be aware students in this program and profession will be exposed to blood, body tissues, and fluids. There is the potential of exposure to electrical hazards, hazardous waste materials, radiation, poisonous substances, chemicals, loud or unpleasant noises and high stress emergency situations. Students enrolled in this program and career path are at risk for exposure to blood and body fluids and transmission of blood-borne and other infectious diseases, including HIV. The Americans with Disabilities Act forbids discrimination against patients with infectious diseases; therefore, students are required to treat all patients assigned, regardless of the disease-state of the patient. Standard precautions must be followed when treating each patient.

Applicants admitted to the program will be required to provide proof of immunizations and Basic Life Support (BLS) certification in accordance with professional standards and clinical-site requirements. Contact the Program Director (https://internal.lcc.edu/hhs/contact/) for details on immunizations. Students must also successfully complete training on OSHA, Bloodborne Pathogens, and HIPAA. More information will be provided at the program orientation that occurs after admission decisions are made.

Skills Essential for the Field

For a list of motor, cognitive, and psychological skills essential for this field, visit HHS’s Advising Guides site (https://internal.lcc.edu/hhs/advising_guides/).

Non-Discrimination Statement

Lansing Community College is committed to providing equal employment opportunities and equal education for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, creed, ancestry, height, weight, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, familial status, marital status, military status, veteran’s status, or other status as protected by law, or genetic information that is unrelated to the person’s ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position or that is unrelated to the person’s ability to participate in educational programs, courses services or activities offered by the college.

The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Equal Opportunity Officer, Washington Court Place, 309 N. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1730; Employee Coordinator 504/ADA, Administration Building, 610 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1875; Student Coordinator 504/ADA, Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1885; Lori Willett, Human Resource Manager/Title IX Coordinator, Administration Building, 610 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1870; Christine Thompson, Student Title IX Coordinator, Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1261.

For questions, contact the Program Director (https://internal.lcc.edu/hhs/contact/).