

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

ADMISSION INFORMATION

APPLICATION PERIOD:
July 1, 2023 –

Dental Hygiene Program Locations

Mesa Community College at Red Mountain
7110 E. McKillip's Rd., Mesa, AZ 85207
480-654-7267

<https://www.mesacc.edu/programs/dental-hygiene>

Phoenix College
1202 West Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ 85013-4234
(602) 285-7777

<https://www.phoenixcollege.edu>

Program Location
Center for Excellence in Healthcare Education
3144 N 7th Ave Phoenix, AZ 85013-4107
(602) 285-7323

<https://www.phoenixcollege.edu/degrees-health-sciences/dental-hygiene>

Rio Salado College
2323 West 14th Street, Tempe, AZ 85281-6950
(480) 517-8000

<http://www.riosalado.edu>

Program Location
2250 West 14th Street Tempe, AZ 85281-6950
(480) 377-4100

<https://www.riosalado.edu/degrees-health-sciences/dental-hygiene>

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I. PROGRAM INFORMATION

A. DESCRIPTION:

The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree in Dental Hygiene prepares students to practice entry-level dental hygiene. Dental hygiene students will provide preventive and therapeutic oral health care services and will develop a commitment to the community through extramural opportunities serving diverse populations. The program is a blend of academic and clinical coursework that requires attention to detail and motivation to complete tasks on a timeline.

Mesa Community College Program:

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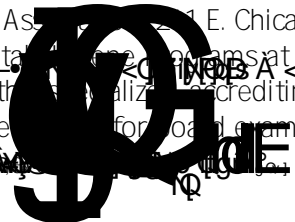


B. OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION:

Graduates are employed in general or specialty dental practices, in private or public healthcare settings. Registered Dental Hygienists function within the legal scope of practice and use professional standards of care when treating patients and families across the life span. The AAS degree provides the graduate with an educational foundation for articulation into the University setting.

C. ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSURE:

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) of the American Dental Association, 171 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611-2678 (312) 440-4653 grants accreditation to the Dental Hygiene programs at Phoenix College, Rio Salado College, and Mesa Community College. CODA is the national accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. Graduates are eligible for board examinations and licensure in all 50 states. Links to the American Dental Association and CODA are provided below.



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- Applicants are placed in open positions according to their indicated preferred school choices. Once placed, the applicant receives a letter with the placement information and has 7 business days to respond and accept or to defer to the next placement cycle. After the 10-day return period, the placement offer expires, and the applicant is placed back onto the dental hygiene waiting list.
- Applicants Receiving placement within two (2) weeks before the start of a semester must respond within 48 hours to secure their placement status via e- mail or phone.
- Applicants accepting placements will receive an admission letter and orientation information from the college where placed within 4 to 6 weeks. The admission letter will contain the dates of the Dental Hygiene student orientation, registration information, and directions on completing the Health and Safety Documentation Checklist and Health Care Provider Signature Forms.

4. Deferring Placement:

- Once the applicant receives the placement offer email, he/she/they have 10 business days to either accept placement or to defer placement before being placed back onto the dental hygiene waiting list. Applicants may elect to defer placement into the dental hygiene program for one year and can only defer program placement ONE time.

- A student applicant may elect to accept placement into the dental hygiene program for one year and can only defer program placement ONE time.



INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

A. ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY:

The Dental Hygiene Program supports a Zero Tolerance Policy for the following behaviors:

- Intentionally or recklessly causing physical harm to any person on the campus or at a clinical site, or intentionally or recklessly causing reasonable apprehension of such harm.
- Unauthorized use or possession of any weapon or explosive device on the campus or at a clinical site.
- Unauthorized use, distribution, or possession for purposes of distribution of alcohol or any controlled substance or illegal drug on the campus or at a clinical site.

Dental Hygiene students engaging in this misconduct are subject to immediate dismissal from



Invasive procedures are innate in the dental hygiene program and include and are not limited to digital palpation of a needle tip in a body cavity or the simultaneous presence of the Health Care Workers (HCW) fingers and a needle or other sharp instrument or object in a poorly visualized or highly confined anatomic site. The performance of exposure prone procedures presents a recognized risk of the percutaneous injury to the HCW, and— if such injury occurs—the HCW's blood is likely to contact the patient's body cavity, subcutaneous tissues, and/or mucous membranes. This can pose a material risk to patients and students in the program should the HCW have a communicable chronic illness.

Please refer to the following website for the CDC's MMWR for recommendations for Preventing Tra



E. DUE PROCESS:

If a student has his/her/their continuation in a class or the academic program called into question based upon a positive drug test, a failed background check, or a code of conduct violation that may prevent the program's ability to place the student at a clinic



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