

Dental Hygiene A.A.S.

In cooperation with Montgomery County Community College

The Dental Hygiene Associate Degree program, through an agreement with Montgomery County Community College, is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

In cooperation with Montgomery County Community College, the Dental Hygiene associate degree program prepares you to work as a dental hygienist in a variety of settings and to provide preventative and therapeutic oral care to the public. You'll receive extensive, hands-on training at Central Campus's new, state-of-the-art Health Sciences Center in its dental hygiene clinic. You'll also gain clinical experience at community-based sites.

Upon successful completion of the Dental Hygiene program, you'll receive an Associate of Applied Science degree. If you decide to continue your education, you can transfer your credits to a four-year institution. To make your transfer as smooth as possible, we have established transfer partnerships with several Pennsylvania colleges and universities. We also possess accreditation from The Commission on Dental Accreditation.

The student from Lehigh Carbon Community College who has successfully completed specific general education requirements at LCCC and specific program requirements at MCCC may be granted admission to the Dental Hygiene Program per stated selective admission requirements at Montgomery County Community College. The student must see advisor or transfer counselor.

Montgomery County Community College (MCCC) will accept and grant credit for Lehigh Carbon Community College's courses that are listed as equivalent if the student has completed the course with a grade of "C" or higher.

Program Competencies:

- Demonstrate basic knowledge of legal responsibilities and ethical considerations and apply those to dental hygiene care.
- Demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed to provide dental hygiene care which meet professional standards and licensing examination eligibility.
- Promote optimal oral health and disease prevention as related to general health and wellness for all patients.
- Contribute as an integral member of the healthcare team and assess, plan, implement and evaluate oral health programs for diverse population groups while promoting access to care.
- Value life-long learning and commitment to professional development.

Lehigh Carbon Community College equivalent courses to transfer:

ENG 105	Research and Composition	3
ENG 111	Speech	3
ENG 201		
or higher	World Literature I or other 200-level ENG	3
SOC 150	Introduction to Sociology	3
PSY 140	Introduction to Psychology	3
BIO 163	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIO 124	Nutrition	3
BIO 164	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIO 220	Introduction to Microbiology	4
Credit Total		30

The following classes are to be taken at Montgomery County Community College upon acceptance into the clinical portion of the Dental Hygiene program:

DHG 100	Theory and Practice of Dental Hygiene I	4
DHG 111	Dental Anatomy	2
DHG 155	Dental Radiology	2
DHG 158	Theory and Practice of Dental Hygiene II	5
DHG 159	Histology and Pathology of Oral Tissues	3
DHG 161	Periodontics I	2
DHG 224	Materials in Dentistry	2
DHG 261	Periodontics II	2
DHG 226	Dental Pain Control	2
DHG 228	Theory and Practice of Dental Hygiene III	8
DHG 253	Community Dentistry	2
DHG 258	Theory and Practice of Dental Hygiene IV	6
Credit Total		40

See page 15 for special program admission requirements pertaining to this program.



College Student Records and Registration, 4525 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078. These transcripts must be received and officially evaluated prior to February 1.

- Students must have received a C or higher in all general education and science classes within the ADN curriculum taken prior to admission or these classes will need to be repeated if accepted into the program.
- For admission and program requirements, any student who has completed Anatomy and Physiology I and II or Microbiology more than seven years before starting the program will need to repeat those courses.
- There is an opportunity for Advanced Placement for students who have successfully completed an ACEN-accredited nursing program course with a C+ or higher. Advanced Placement must be submitted and evaluated by the Associate Dean of Accreditation prior to applying to the program.

Summer Admission Requirements for Accepted Students

The following needs to be completed prior to start of program:

After written notification of acceptance to the Nursing program, the student is required to upload the following documents to their Castlebranch account for final acceptance into the program. This paperwork is required to start nursing classes in the fall and to participate in the clinical component of the Nursing program. (Necessary paperwork will be distributed and discussed at Orientation.)

- Current CPR certification through either the American Red Cross or American Heart Association (must be certification for health care providers).
- Current health examination. (Please refer to list of ADN Health Requirements—see Section 4.)
- Current immunizations record. (Please refer to list of ADN Health Requirements—see Section 4.)
- Current State Police criminal check and FBI check that shows the applicant is felony free for ten (10) years. This requirement is related to the Nurse Practice Act (Act No. 185-109) of Pennsylvania which states "... The Board of Nursing shall not issue a license or certificate to an applicant who has been convicted of a felonious act prohibited by the Act of April 14, 1972 (P.L. 233, No. 64), known as "The Controlled Substance, Drug Device and Cosmetic Act," or convicted of a felony related to a controlled substance in a court of law of the United States or any other state, territory or country, unless: at least ten years have elapsed from the date of conviction..." In addition, applicants must be free of Prohibitive Offenses (which includes certain drug and substance abuse violations) as found in the Pennsylvania Older Adult Protective Services Act 169 of 1996 and as amended by Act 13 of 1997, within their lifetime. The student must not have not been convicted of a driving under the influence of intoxicating liquors and/or drugs within five (5) years of participation in the program. In the event a student is permitted to participate in the program and then it is learned that he/she does not meet the criteria as set forth herein, they will be immediately removed from the program. The student must self-disclose any arrest after their acceptance in the program.
- Current FBI fingerprint clearance.
- Current Child Abuse Clearance that demonstrates child abuse-free in lifetime.
- Current negative drug and alcohol screen.
- All documents must be uploaded to "Castle Branch" which is a medical housing system database; the student is responsible for the fee.

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- The student must meet the following ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA to be considered for selective admission into the clinical portion of the Dental Hygiene Program:
- All students must submit a high school transcript or G.E.D., including one year each of chemistry with a laboratory component with a grade of "C" or better (equivalent courses taken in college would be acceptable substitutes). All science course including Chemistry with laboratory course must be successfully completed within five years prior to enrolling in Dental Hygiene courses.
- All applicants must submit official college transcript(s), if applicable.
- Additionally, one of the following credentials must be submitted:
 - ACT composite score of 22.
 - SAT score (3/1/05-2/29/16) minimum of 1350; SAT score (3/1/16-present) minimum of 1000.
 - College transcript including 14 semester hours consisting of two 4-credit lab science courses and two 3-credit courses from the general education component of the Dental Hygiene curriculum. Grades for the four courses/14 credits must be a "C" or better and result in a GPA of at least 2.5. All Science courses must be successfully completed within five years prior to enrolling in Dental Hygiene courses.
 - BIO 131, BIO 132, BIO 140 must be completed with a grade of "C" or better and an overall GPA of 2.5.
- All applicants must take college placement tests in English, Mathematics and Reading and must place above the developmental level prior to enrolling in Dental Hygiene. Exemptions to placement testing may occur based on coursework from LCCC.
- All applicants are required to demonstrate a minimum of six hours of observation in a dental office in order to ensure that the applicant is familiar with the work environment in which most dental hygienists are employed. Written verification from the dentist or dental hygienist, on dental office letterhead, is required of each applicant to verify current dental office employment or completion of the six-hour observation in a dental office. Verification must be submitted to the Dental Hygiene Advisor (academicservices@lccc.edu) prior to the last day of the petition
- All eligible applicants are required to submit an electronic petition to be considered for admission in the Dental Hygiene program. The petition can be found on the Dental Hygiene website during a determined petition period.

Early Childhood Education, Early Intervention, Infant Toddler CDA Prep

- High school diploma or GED and successful completion of appropriate high school or post-secondary courses. Submission of official transcripts of all previous education.
- Acceptable scores on LCCC skills assessment.
- To participate in the required observation/fieldwork experiences, the student is responsible for collecting and submitting the following clearances: PA Child Abuse History Clearance, PA State Police Criminal Record Check, FBI clearance- fingerprinting, NSOR verification,