2016 Dental Hygiene Program Application
Dear Dental Hygiene Applicant:

Thank you for applying to the Dental Hygiene Program at Iowa Central Community College. In order to be considered for the 2016 Dental Hygiene Program you must apply to Iowa Central and indicate Dental Hygiene as your major, then complete the enclosed application packet and submit all of the required documentation together in an individual envelope by March 1, 2016. **Failure to include all of the required information will affect consideration for the program.** Your completed application packet should include documentation of the following information:

- Assessment Scores (Unless taken at Iowa Central)
- Unofficial copies of College Transcripts (Unless taken at Iowa Central)
  - Official copies of College Transcripts sent directly to Registrar's Office
- Dental Hygiene Application
- Dental Hygiene Application Essay
- Personal Reference Forms (2) (may be directly mailed to the college attention to Dental Hygiene)
- Work or Volunteer Experience Verification Form
- Job Shadow Verification Form

**To insure consideration for the Dental Hygiene Program, application packets must be post-marked by March 1, 2016.** It is the students’ responsibility to make sure their transcripts are recorded by the registrar’s office; the application packet is complete and has been received prior to the deadline. Please submit the completed packet to:

Iowa Central Community College  
Health Science Office-Dental Hygiene  
Attention: Emily Benjamin  
One Triton Circle  
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

The Dental Hygiene Program is a limited enrollment program, and completion of the pre-requisites and/or minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. This is a competitive program, with an emphasis placed on academic performance, knowledge and experience of the health field, and the determination to succeed.

Thank you for considering Iowa Central and if you have any questions concerning the application process for the Dental Hygiene Program feel free to contact me at either 515-574-1335, 1-800-362-2793 ext. 1335, or piper@iowacentral.edu

Sincerely,

Renee Piper, RDH, MA  
Dental Hygiene Program Coordinator
**Iowa Central Community College**  
**Dental Hygiene Application**

**Application deadline is March 1, 2016**  
Please complete all information. Please type or print clearly using black ink only.

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*Students will be notified by mail no later than April 1, 2016 of their status in the program.*

**High School(s) ______________________________**

**Graduation Date (Month/Year) __________________**  
**Cumulative GPA __________**

**GED Test Date (Month/Year) __________________**  
**GED Test Score __________**

*Please include a copy of either your high school transcripts or GED scores.  
Official transcripts must be sent to Registrar’s Office.*

**Post-Secondary Education**

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*Please include copies of transcripts from all colleges attended,  
unless college courses were taken at Iowa Central Community College.  
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Minimum Requirements for Application

The following criteria are required for consideration for acceptance into the Iowa Central Dental Hygiene Program. If a student does not meet both of the requirements below (high school GPA and Assessment Scores) they will not be considered for the program until they have completed specific college courses and/or re-taken the appropriate assessment test(s). All test scores are valid for three (3) years. Please contact the health science office if you have questions regarding your status.

High School Diploma or Equivalent

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Assessment Scores

Minimum Asset scores of 40 in each category, Compass (writing 65, reading 80, pre-algebra 39 or algebra 46), ALEKS 20 or ACT scores of 18 in reading, English, and math.

*Applicants must submit a copy of their ACT, SAT, Asset, or Compass test, unless taken at Iowa Central Community College (Asset/Compass only). Only one test is required, however applicants who have taken a test more than once, or have taken different tests, are encouraged to send in as many different tests as they would like. The highest scores will always be used for evaluation. Only test scores within three years of a class start date are considered for placement.

Personal Reference Forms

Applicants are required to submit the two included recommendation forms. They must be signed and in a sealed envelope with a matching signature across the seal. Please include the recommendation forms with the rest of the application, or mail them to Emily Benjamin, Dental Hygiene, One Triton Circle, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501.

Completion of Prerequisites

Students must submit proof of their enrollment in/or successful completion of these classes with a “C” or better, prior to the application deadline.

| BIO-168 Human Anatomy & Physiology I w/lab | CHM-111 Introduction to Chemistry Lab |
| BIO-173 Human Anatomy & Physiology II w/lab | BIO-186 Microbiology                  |
| CHM-110 Introduction to Chemistry         |                                     |

*It is also highly recommended to take CHM-130 & CHM-131 prior to entering the program.

Background Check

All students starting the Dental Hygiene Program may be required to complete a Criminal Record/Child and Adult Abuse Check prior to attending clinical. Background check forms will be distributed at the orientation to those students who have been accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program.

Licensure Requirements

Dental Hygiene is a licensed profession. Applicants for licensure are asked if they have ever been charged, convicted, found guilty of, or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a felony or misdemeanor crime. A prior criminal history or record or habitual use of drugs or intoxicants can be grounds for licensure or licensure registration denial.

The Dental Hygiene Program at Iowa Central Community College is a limited enrollment program.

Applicant’s Signature ________________________________________________  Date __________________________
Please mark any of the courses below you have completed or are currently enrolled in.

**Prerequisites**
1. Human Anatomy and Physiology I w/lab
   - Enrolled Spring 2016
   - Enrolled Summer 2016
   - Completed

2. Human Anatomy and Physiology II w/lab
   - Enrolled Spring 2016
   - Enrolled Summer 2016
   - Completed

3. Introduction to Chemistry
   - Enrolled Spring 2016
   - Enrolled Summer 2016
   - Completed

4. Introduction to Chemistry Lab
   - Enrolled Spring 2016
   - Enrolled Summer 2016
   - Completed

5. Microbiology
   - Enrolled Spring 2016
   - Enrolled Summer 2016
   - Completed

**General Courses**
1. Composition I*
   - Enrolled Spring 2016
   - Enrolled Summer 2016
   - Completed

2. Introduction to Psychology*
   - Enrolled Spring 2016
   - Enrolled Summer 2016
   - Completed

3. Public Speaking*
   - Enrolled Spring 2016
   - Enrolled Summer 2016
   - Completed

4. Sociology*
   - Enrolled Spring 2016
   - Enrolled Summer 2016
   - Completed

5. Introduction to Organic & Biochemistry*
   - Enrolled Spring 2016
   - Enrolled Summer 2016
   - Completed

6. Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry Lab*
   - Enrolled Spring 2016
   - Enrolled Summer 2016
   - Completed

Please forward an official transcript to the registrar if the above courses were completed at an institution other than Iowa Central Community College. Please include an unofficial/copy of the transcripts in this packet. No points will be awarded if we do not have documentation of the courses completed.

*It is highly recommended that the general courses are taken prior to entry into the Dental Hygiene program.
Please list all previous work experience you have had in the health field, beginning with the most recent. All areas on this form must be completed for each position held or you will not be given credit for your work/volunteer experience. If you have no previous work experience in the health field, we recommend 15 hours of voluntary work in a health care facility. Voluntary positions should also be included when completing this form, please note which positions were on a voluntary basis.

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Briefly describe your job responsibilities:

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1. What stimulated your interest in the field of dental hygiene?

2. What is the role of a dental hygienist in the assessment and treatment of patients?

3. Explain the different career options available to a dental hygienist.

4. Describe your short and long term professional goals.

5. Describe your strengths and weaknesses.

6. Describe your personal characteristics and life experiences you feel will contribute to your success as a student and professional dental hygienist.

7. List all research resources used
   a. Research should include a minimum of 2 sources cited in APA format or MLA format.
   b. Possible sources to use: books, internet sources, professional magazines, or personal interviews (must include name of individuals interviewed).
Job shadowing has become an important part of the educational process. Career decisions are never easy and job shadowing allows you to explore fields that interest you, to determine if it is something you would like to learn more about. Shadowing a dental hygienist in an office setting allows you to spend one-on-one time with the professional to answer any questions about what it means to work in dental hygiene.

Job shadowing is so beneficial to potential students that it’s importance has made it become a mandatory requirement to apply for the Iowa Central Dental Hygiene Program.

Four hours of job shadow will be awarded for being a patient in the Dental Hygiene Clinic. Please bring your form to be signed.

Past applicants need not repeat job shadowing. Contact Emily Benjamin to receive a copy of your previous job shadowing experience record.

**Personal Grooming and Dress Code**
While shadowing at any dental office please exhibit dress that is appropriate. Modesty shall guide the choice of clothing, including style, skirt length, and style of shirts and blouses. Exposed midriffs are not permitted. Comfortable shoes are suggested as you will be doing a lot of walking or standing.

Blue jeans and shorts are not permitted, dental employees do not wear them, so the same is asked of job shadowing students. It is preferred that t-shirts with logos not be worn; solid colors, stripes, or patterned t-shirts are acceptable, shirts with collars are preferred.

If you have any extra body piercings on exposed areas such as the tongue, eyebrow, and/or nose, they need to be removed while job shadowing. Visible tattoos are not permitted. Please cover with long sleeves or socks.

Do not use your cell phone for any reason, do not text message.

**Please remember that the dental office is a health care facility and all observations are granted by the dentist and the client. It is extremely important to follow all directions given and to observe strict confidentiality in all experiences with clients.**

**Please, thank the dentist, client and hygienist for the experience. Have the office fill out the Job Shadow Evaluation form and return to the Dental Hygiene Program.**
Applicant's Name

Location One

The above named applicant has spent __________ hours shadowing in the 
office/clinic at _______________________________________________________.

Name of Dental Office

The applicant has observed the following procedures:

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Signature of Dental Hygienist      Date   (_____ )  Telephone Number of Clinic

Printed Name of Dental Hygienist

Location Two

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office/clinic at _______________________________________________________.

Name of Dental Office

The applicant has observed the following procedures:

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_____________________________________________________________________________

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______________________________________  ______________________________
Signature of Dental Hygienist      Date   (_____ )  Telephone Number of Clinic

Printed Name of Dental Hygienist

If you have visited more than 2 locations please make copies of this page for documentation

Revised 10/15
Iowa Central Community College
Job Shadow Evaluation Form

This form is a survey to be filled out by the RDH and/or DDS to evaluate the professionalism of the student who had the job shadow experience.

5 - strongly agree 4 - agree 3 - undecided 2 - disagree 1 - strongly disagree

Student Name ____________________________________________________________

Practice Name ____________________________ Location __________________________

The student was friendly, polite and respectful. 5 4 3 2 1

The student asked pertinent questions 5 4 3 2 1

I would recommend this student to the program. 5 4 3 2 1

What did you like most about the student observing in your office?

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### Program of Study

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