



College of  
New Caledonia  
School of Health Sciences

# Dental Hygiene Diploma Program

Application & Information Package

September 2023 Intake

## APPLICANT CHECKLIST

All of the following should be completed and submitted to the College of New Caledonia's Office of the Registrar at [regoffice@cnc.bc.ca](mailto:regoffice@cnc.bc.ca).

- ☐ Complete online application, pay application fee
- ☐ Official high school transcripts
- ☐ Official transcripts from post-secondary institution

### Admission Requirements

- ☐ The following courses or their equivalents, with an average GPA of 3.0 ("B") with no grade lower than a "C"
  - 6 credits of first-year Biology (Anatomy and Physiology) – must include a lab
  - 6 credits of first-year Chemistry – must include a lab
  - 6 credits of first- or second-year English
  - 6 credits of first- or second-year Psychology
  - 3 credits of first- or second-year Statistics
  - 3 credits of first- or second-year elective

**Note:** Conditional acceptance in the program is based on a student completing at least half of the required courses with an average GPA of 3.0 ("B") and no grade lower than a "C", and showing registrations for the remaining courses. Students must still submit final transcripts by the posted deadline verifying that all of the admission requirements are met.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

### Application to Registrar

Apply through the "Apply Now" button on the [Dental Hygiene Program page](#) on the CNC website.

### Requirements to be met Once Accepted

The list below is some of what will be required after you are accepted into the program. More information will be provided in your acceptance package and during orientation. All associated costs are the responsibility of the student.

*\*Do not arrange for this information until you receive instructions in your acceptance package.*

- a. Proof of current immunization status (including Hepatitis B)
  - Required by the BC Centre for Disease Control and as outlined in the Practice Education Guidelines BC Immunization.
  - Students may be prevented from starting clinical placements with

incomplete immunization schedules.

- b.** Dental examination and hygiene care within the last 9 months of the start of the program
- c.** CPR-C certification (minimum requirement CPR Level-C as outlined by the College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia (CDHBC). CPR online courses that do not include face-to-face practice components are not acceptable.
  - Students are responsible for maintaining certification while in the program.
- d.** Criminal Record Check Schedule B (RCMP criminal record checks are not accepted).
  - Required to participate in practicum component involving work with vulnerable people.
  - A search that identifies relevant criminal convictions may prevent students from registering for practicum.

**Notes:**

Clinical hours are required for graduation.

All certifications must remain valid throughout the program.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

### Limited

If there is room in the program, you will be accepted once you have met all the admission requirements. This is called “first qualified, first accepted.” If you qualify after the program is full, you will be put on a waitlist for the 2023 Intake.

Self-identified Canadian Aboriginal applicants who meet the admission requirements by the priority deadline will be given priority for three (3) seats.

Two (2) seats are reserved for qualified international student applicants who meet the admission requirements by the institutional release date.

## GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

### Program Specific Recommendations

To be successful as a dental hygienist student and professional, the student requires:

- a caring nature and interest in the well-being of others
- excellent interpersonal skills
- good time management skills
- good eyesight, hearing, and hand-eye coordination. It is strongly recommended that students have an eye examination and obtain corrective eyewear if needed
- ability to accurately follow verbal and written directions

- ability to manage a fast-paced, demanding, and stressful work environment
- computer literacy especially experience with word processing and the internet
- students to model the same standard of oral health that they encourage in their patients

All costs associated with certifications, courses, and/or documentation requirements are the student's responsibility.

In addition to expenses of tuition, textbooks, and uniforms, students are required to purchase miscellaneous clinic supplies and equipment.

Information regarding estimated program costs, supplies, immunizations, and other required documentation will be provided to students in a program acceptance package. All costs associated with the above are the responsibility of the student.

The Dental Hygiene program can be very demanding and stressful, and as such, it is strongly advised that students make use of stress and time management skills.

## ADVANCED STANDING AND COURSE CHALLENGES

The Dental Studies Department of the College of New Caledonia supports granting credit for previous education that directly relates to either the Dental Hygiene or Dental Assisting program. Students with previous education will have the opportunity to demonstrate they have previously met the goals and objectives of a particular course.

To facilitate this process, the student must approach the Program Coordinator or Associate Dean with the request to have his/her credentials evaluated as they relate to a course. The student must provide copies of transcripts and course syllabi with course objectives as part of their credentials. The Program Coordinator or Associate Dean, in consultation with the instructor responsible for the course, will evaluate the student's credentials.

Challenges for all courses must be submitted within three weeks after the program starts. The student should attend all classes until it is determined if credit is granted. Students will be advised of the Exemption and Assessment Policy in their program acceptance letters.

Refer to "Admissions, fees and policy information" in the calendar for policy and fee information on exemptions, challenging exams, and prior learning assessments.