



Dental Hygiene Program

College of Nursing & Health Sciences

Valdosta State University

Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene (A.A.S) Degree

In Cooperation with

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

**Competitive Admissions Informational Packet and
Application Forms**

www.valdosta.edu/dentalhygiene

Dental Hygiene Faculty Offices are located at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College.

The P.A.S.S. Center for Pre-Major Advising is located on the 4th floor of VSU's Health Science Administration Building.

229-333-5959

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1. Enrollment

- a. Apply for admission, declare Dental Hygiene as your major and begin core course requirements.
- b. It is acceptable for students to begin core at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College or other accredited institutions but all students must complete core at Valdosta State University.
- c. Students must be enrolled at VSU at the time of application to the clinical Dental Hygiene program.
- d. Transfer students should be aware of the residency requirement for graduation. A minimum of **21** credit hours **MUST** be completed at VSU to meet the residency requirement.
- e. The residency requirement is mandated by the Georgia Board of Regents and is non-negotiable.

2. Advisement and Orientation

- a. All students declaring Dental Hygiene as a major will be assigned to a Dental Hygiene advisor.
- b. Advisors for DHYG Majors
 - At VSU, advisement is handled through the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. The Advising Center is located in the Health Sciences and Business Administration Building, Room 4002. Phone: 229-333-5959 e-mail: conhspasscenter@valdosta.edu
 - At WGTC advisement for Dental Hygiene majors is handled by Sandi Woodward, Director of Dental Programs. sandi.woodward@wiregrass.edu or 229-259-5533; Room 220 Berrien Hall.
 - Students should schedule appointments to be advised.
- c. In order to ensure accurate advisement and receipt of critical program information students are **required** to obtain advisement through the designated Dental Hygiene advisors.
- d. Student are required to make advisement appointments to be advised. Contact information has been provided above for both campuses.
- e. A mandatory Admission Procedure Orientation will be conducted each year around Mid-March. The orientation will be held on the WGTC campus and conducted by the Dental Hygiene faculty. VSU Advisors will notify all DHYG students of the specific date and time via e-mail each year.

3. Completion of Core Courses

- a. See Page 8 of this packet for a complete list of required Dental Hygiene core curriculum.
- b. While it is strongly advised that all core courses be completed prior to application to clinical program, **ALL SCIENCES MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO PROGRAM ADMISSION FALL SEMESTER.**
- c. Science courses include: BIOL 2651, BIOL 2652, BIOL 2900, CHEM 1151K, and CHEM 1152K. Science courses are weighted heavier in the competitive admissions process.
- d. Science courses must not be older than 10 years at the time of program application. Science courses more than 10 years older must be retaken.
- e. It is permissible to apply with courses in progress for summer semester. Be advised that core complete candidates will likely have higher scores in the competitive admission process.
- f. A candidate may be offered tentative acceptance pending successful completion of an in progress course.
- g. Final evaluation for completion of core will take place at the END of summer semester. A current official transcript will be required.

- h. If a tentatively selected student fails to successfully complete in progress coursework over the summer semester, the position will be revoked and offered to an alternate applicant meeting the requirements.

4. Residency Requirement

- a. Per Georgia Board of Regents a minimum of 21 semester credit hours must be completed at Valdosta State University to satisfy the residency requirement and become eligible for graduation. The residency requirement is a Georgia Board of Regent's requirement and is non-negotiable.
- b. Dental Hygiene courses taken while in the clinical program at WGTC **DO NOT** meet the residency requirement.
- c. If a student transfers all of the required core courses from another accredited institution, the student must still complete 21 semester credits (non DHYG) at VSU in order to graduate. An advisor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (Room 4002) will assist the student with selection of additional course work to meet residency requirement.
- d. Be advised that course credits earned through the South Georgia College Entry Program **DO NOT** count towards the 21 hour residency requirement.

5. Grade Point Average and Prerequisite Courses

- a. All prerequisite courses required for Dental Hygiene major must be passed with a minimum grade of "C" or better.
- b. Potential students should be advised that while a "C" is a passing grade for a course, too many "C's" will not achieve the required 2.5 Dental Hygiene GPA. Serious candidates should strive for grades of B or better to achieve the required GPA.
- c. The Dental Hygiene GPA is calculated strictly on required DHYG core curriculum. A list of the required curriculum is located on page 8 of this packet.
- d. Science courses must not be older than 10 years at the time of clinical program application. Science courses more than 10 years old must be retaken.
- e. The **highest** course attempt will be calculated in the GPA for competitive admission.
- f. Students must successfully complete all Dental Hygiene courses with 70% or better to proceed in the program.

6. Georgia History and Georgia Legislative Requirements

Students receiving AP credit from **non-Georgia high schools or college credit from non-Georgia colleges** for US Government/ Politics (POLS 1101) and/or American History (HIST 2111 and/or HIST 2112) must validate Georgia legislative proficiency by passing an exemption exam. This exam is offered by the Office of Testing, Powell Hall West on the VSU campus. See "State of Georgia Legislative Requirements."

7. Shadowing Hours

- a. Dental office shadowing is required to gain knowledge of your chosen profession.
- b. Documentation of a minimum of 24 shadowing hours will be required as a part of the competitive admissions process.
 - The 24 hours must be split between at least 2 different dental offices.
 - Shadowing hours should be spent observing a registered dental hygienist performing direct patient care.
- c. Shadowing must be completed and documented at the time of application to the clinical program.
- d. Applications without documented shadowing hours will be considered incomplete.

8. Health Occupations Aptitude Exam (HOAE)

- a. This test is administered at the VSU Testing Office during spring semester. (Fee is \$40.00 as of 9/1/2015)
(Note: Students may take the HOAE at any qualifying testing facility that offers the HOAE exam.)
- b. Students should sit for the HOAE exam by midterm of the spring semester immediately preceding the application deadline. Test scores will be provided to students by the testing office. Scores are used as criteria for student selection in the competitive admissions process.
- c. A minimum score of 200 is required. A maximum score on the exam is 350. Students should obtain the best score possible to improve opportunity for program admission.
- d. Students may take the test three times in a 24 month period.
- e. Call the VSU Testing office at 229-245-3878 to schedule the time and date for your examination.
- f. Submit HOAE scores with completed application packet.
- g. HOAE scores must be less than 1 year old at time of application.
- h. Guidelines, additional information and study materials for the HOAE can be found at:
<http://psbttests.com/site/products/hoae.html> and <http://www.psbtests.com/resources/resources.aspx>

9. Physical Requirements

- a. Visual Acuity
Students must be able to detect subtle differences in color, shape size, dimension and be able to differentiate measurements within + or – 1mm.
- b. Hearing
- c. Physical Ability to sit for extended periods of time and assist with ambulation of patients.
- d. Manual Dexterity

A detailed description of physical requirements is in the technical standards for dental programs located in this packet.

10. Permanent Records and Health History Profile

Upon program acceptance, students will be required to complete a Health History Profile.

Profile contents include but are not limited to:

- a. *Vaccination Records*
- b. *Required Vaccinations and Titers*
- c. *TB Test*
- d. *Oral Health Verification*

Additional requirements could apply as deemed necessary by the institution.

Further instructions for this process will be provided at an orientation for accepted students.

11. Financial Aid Information for Clinical Portion of Training

Tuition and Fees

- a. All tuition and fees are paid directly to Valdosta State University.
- b. Students will continue to complete financial aid documentation (FAFSA, HOPE, PELL) through VSU.
- c. Students continue to pay VSU fees and tuition for the duration of clinical training.

Supplies and Instruments

- a. Students will purchase books and supplies at the Wiregrass book store.
- b. Some equipment such as magnification safety glasses, dental models and instruments are purchased directly from vendors. Further instructions for purchases will be provided to accepted students upon program entry.
- c. As financial aid cannot be used at multiple institutions simultaneously, financial aid **will not** be available at the WGTC bookstore to purchase books instruments and supplies.

Supplies and Instruments *(Continued)*

- d. Students should be prepared to purchase books and instruments by cash, check or credit card within the first three days of each semester. See an estimated list of expenses on page 9 of this packet.
- e. All incoming students should make arrangements in advance to purchase required books and instruments. Students CANNOT wait until financial aid checks are disbursed to purchase required books, instruments and supplies.

12. Student Advisory Regarding Misdemeanors and Felonies

Students with prior felonies or misdemeanors are advised to contact the state licensing board prior to program entry. Visit the Georgia Board of Dentistry website (<http://gbd.georgia.gov/>) for additional information on requirements and restrictions for Dental Hygiene licensure in Georgia. Applicants wishing to practice in other states should check with the Board of Dentistry in that particular state for specific requirements.

Please be advised of the following VSU/WGTC advisory statement related to felonies and/or misdemeanors:

Advisory Statement for Dental Hygiene Licensure

“Valdosta State University, Wiregrass Georgia Technical College and faculty and staff are not responsible in the event a student successfully completes program requirements and boards but is unable to obtain licensure due to misdemeanors and/or felonies. It is the sole responsibility of the student to determine if a previous felony or misdemeanor conviction might preclude licensure to practice Dental Hygiene.”

Students will be required to sign an acknowledgement of the **Advisory Statement Regarding Misdemeanors and Felonies** when applying to the clinical program and again upon program entry.

Notice of Institutional Plans, Procedures and Policies

Wiregrass Equal Opportunity Statement	VSU Equal Opportunity Statement
<p>As set forth in its student catalog, Wiregrass Georgia Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability, age, political affiliation or belief, genetic information, veteran status, or citizenship status (except in those special circumstances permitted or mandated by law).</p> <p><i>Any violation or questions may be directed to:</i> Shalonda Sanders, Title IX Coordinator (all campuses) Executive Director for Human Resources Valdosta Campus, Berrien Hall, Room 114 (229) 333-5356 opt. 4 or shalonda.sanders@wiregrass.edu</p> <p>Katrina Royal, Student ADA & Section 504 Coordinator (all campuses) Student Success Coordinator Valdosta Campus, Berrien Hall, Room 107 (229) 333-2100 ext. 1236 or katrina.royal@wiregrass.edu</p> <p><i>*student ADA & student disability claims only</i> <i>Telephone numbers are accessible to persons who are deaf or hard of hearing through the Georgia Relay by dialing 711 or (800) 255-0056 from a TTY/TDD.</i></p>	<p>Valdosta State University is an equal opportunity educational institution. It is not the intent of the institution to discriminate against any applicant for admission or any student or employee of the institution based on the sex, race, religion, color, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation of the individual. It is the intent of the institution to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and subsequent Executive Orders as well as Title IX, Equal Pay Act of 1963, Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.</p>
Procedure to File Complaints with CODA	Dental Department Exposure Control Plan
<p>The Commission on Dental Accreditation will review complaints that relate to a program's compliance with the accreditation standards. The Commission is interested in the sustained quality and continued improvement of dental and dental-related education programs but does not intervene on behalf of individuals or act as a court of appeal for treatment received by patients or individuals in matters of admission, appointment, promotion or dismissal of faculty, staff or students. A copy of the appropriate accreditation standards and/or the Commission's policy and procedure for submission of complaints may be obtained by contacting the Commission at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678.</p>	<p>Due to the nature of the Dental Hygiene occupation, any student entering Dental Hygiene program has increased occupational risks, such as heavy lifting injuries, radiation and chemical exposure, exposure to blood and airborne pathogens, and exposure to nitrous oxide. For additional information a complete copy of the exposure control plan is available upon request at the dental department business office.</p>

Technical Standards for Dental Programs

All candidates for the Dental Hygiene programs must meet intellectual, physical, and social core performance standards necessary to provide safe patient care in an independent manner. Please consider all technical standards carefully before making the decision to apply for the Dental Hygiene program.

Social Core Performance:

Prior felony convictions may affect a student's ability to participate in the clinical portion of the program and in board certification. All students with a criminal conviction must make an appointment with the program coordinator to discuss their eligibility to participate in the program prior to applying for admission to the program.

Critical Thinking:

Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment. Examples include identification of cause/effect relationships in clinical situations, development of care plans, transferring knowledge from one situation to another, evaluating outcomes, problem solving, prioritizing, and using short and long-term memory.

Interpersonal:

Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds. Examples include establishing rapport with patients, families, and colleagues, negotiation of interpersonal conflict, and respect of cultural diversity.

Communication:

Communication abilities sufficient for verbal and written interaction with others. Examples include explanation of treatment procedures, initiation of health teaching and documentation of treatment.

Mobility:

Physical abilities sufficient for movement from room to room and in small spaces. Examples include moving around in a dental clinic setting, sitting or standing and maintaining balance for long periods; twisting, bending, stooping; moving quickly in response to possible emergencies; pushing, pulling, lifting or supporting a dependent patient; squeezing with hands and fingers; and repetitive movements and administration of cardiopulmonary procedures.

Motor Skills:

Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient for providing safe, effective dental care. Examples include calibration and use of equipment, positioning of patients, grasping and manipulation of small objects/instruments, using a computer keyboard.

Hearing:

Auditory ability sufficient for monitoring and assessing health needs. Examples include hearing emergency signals, auditory timing devices on dental equipment, auscultatory sounds and patient communication.

Visual:

Visual acuity sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in dental care. Of special importance is the ability to differentiate between *subtle differences in color, shape size and dimension*. *The clinician must be able to differentiate measurements within + or - 1mm* and possess the ability to focus on small fields of vision for extended periods of time.

Tactile:

Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment. Examples include detection of calculus or oral irregularities, utilizing hand instruments, performance of palpation for purposes of intra and extra oral exam.

Emotional:

Emotional stability sufficient to tolerate rapidly changing conditions and environmental stress. Examples include providing patients with emotional support, adapting to changing conditions in the work environment and stress, dealing with unexpected or unpredictable events, maintaining focus on a task, performing multiple tasks concurrently and being able to handle non-cooperative and non-compliant patients.

Dental Hygiene Required Core Curriculum and DHYG Curriculum Sequence

Effective Fall 2015

Dental Hygiene Core Curriculum Offered By VSU	Credit Hours	Dental Hygiene Clinical Courses Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	Credit Hours
		<u>FALL I</u>	
ENGL 1101 Composition I	3	DHYG 1040 D.H. Preclinic Lec	2
ENGL 1102 Composition II	3	DHYG 1050 D.H. Preclinic Lab	2
MATH 1101 or 1111	3	DHYG 1000 Oral Anatomy Root Morph.	2
BIOL 2651 Human A & P	4	DHYG 1010 Embryology & Histology	1
BIOL 2652 Human A & P	4	DHYG 1020 Head and Neck Anatomy	2
BIOL 2900 Microbiology	4	DHYG 1206 Pharmacology	3
CHEM 1151K Survey of Chem I (General)	4	TOTAL HOURS	12
CHEM 1152K Survey of Chem II (Organic)	4		
POLS 1101 American Government	3	<u>SPRING I</u>	
HIST 2111 or 2112 American History	3	DHYG 1110 D.H. Lec I	2
PSYC 1101 Fundamentals of Psychology	3	DHYG 1111 D.H. Clinic I	3
SOCI 1101 Intro to Sociology	3	DHYG 2200 Periodontology	3
COMM 1110 or COMM 1100 or ACED 2050	3	DHYG 1070 Radiology Lecture	2
TOTAL HOURS @ VSU	44	DHYG 1090 Radiology Lab	1
		TOTAL HOURS	11

The courses above are used to calculate the
Dental Hygiene GPA for competitive admission.
A minimum dental hygiene GPA of 2.5 is required.
A minimum grade of "C" is required in all courses.

<u>SUMMER</u>	
DHYG 2010 D.H. Lec II	2
DHYG 2020 D.H. Clinic II	2
DHYG 2050 Pathology	3
DHYG 1030 Dental Materials	2
TOTAL HOURS	9

<u>FALL II</u>	
DHYG 2070 Community D.H.	3
DHYG 2080 D.H. Lec III	2
DHYG 2090 D.H. Clinic III	4
DHYG 2105 Nutrition	1
TOTAL HOURS	10

RECAP FOR BOTH INSTITUTIONS	
Semester Credits for VSU	44
Semester Credits for WGTC	48
Total Semester Credits for Program	92

<u>SPRING II</u>	
DHYG 2130 D.H. Lec IV	2
DHYG 2140 D.H. Clinic IV	4
TOTAL HOURS	6

**Transfer students should note that a minimum of 21 credit hours (Non-DHYG) MUST be taken at VSU to meet the residency requirement. **

TOTAL HOURS @ WGTC **48**

Estimated Expenses for the Dental Hygiene Clinical Training Program

The following list of estimated expenses is provided so that each student can be financially prepared for the expenses encountered in Dental Hygiene clinical training. Students are expected to purchase required books and instruments on the 1st day of each semester. A three (3) day grace period will be allowed. On the beginning 4th day the following penalties will be applied if required books and instruments are not available for class.

Fall I	Estimated Expense	Vendor for Purchase
Medical Requirements for Program Entry: Hepatitis B and other required Vaccines, Required titers, TB Test, Oral Exam	250.00	Student Choice of Healthcare Providers
4 Ceil Blue Uniforms, Lab Coat, Clinic Shoes	300.00	Student Choice
Loupes (Designs for Vision, Surgitel, Orascope, Etc.)	1000.00	Pay Directly to Vendor
Name Tag	15.00	Office Max
SADHA Dues \$65 (Junior Year)	65.00	Pay to SADHA
Fall Semester Books and Supplies	1,000.00	Book Store
Jr. Instrument Kit	600.00	Hu-Friedy
Dental Typodont	278.00	Kilgore
Spring I		
RINN Devices for Radiology	150.00	Bookstore
Books and Supplies	200.00	Bookstore
Additional Uniform	50.00	Student Choice
Summer		
Cavitron Inserts	500.00	Bookstore
Books and Supplies	200.00	Bookstore
Additional Uniform	50.00	Student Choice
Fall II		
Senior Instrument Kit	400.00	Hu-Friedy
Books and Supplies	200.00	Bookstore
SADHA Dues \$65 (Senior Year)	65.00	Pay to SADHA
Additional Uniform	50.00	Student Choice
NBDHE Board Review. <i>Pay for review and make reservations Fall semester. Board review is in January. Estimated fee includes estimated lodging and travel.</i>	600.00	Dental Hygiene Seminars, Inc. & Room and Board
Spring II (Note that Items with * are covered by WIA for eligible students)		
*Hu Friedy Instrument Trade In	100.00	Hu-Friedy
Books and Supplies	150.00	Bookstore
DHYG Pin	40.00	Josten's
*Dental Hygiene National Board	375.00	NBDHE
*CRDTS Clinical Exam and Site Fee	1125.00	CRDTS
CRDTS Lodging, Food and Travel Expense for student and patient	400.00	Student Choice
Graduation Application Fee @ VSU	35.00	VSU Bursary

- The expenses above **DO NOT** include tuition and fees that are paid directly to VSU each semester.
- Note that financial aid **DOES NOT** cover books and instruments purchased at the WGTC Bookstore. Students should be prepared to pay out of pocket for books and instruments and items paid directly to vendors
- While the Dental Hygiene faculty makes every effort to provide complete and up to date information about expenses, please note that these fees are estimated, might not be 100% inclusive and are subject to change.

Evaluating Your HOAE Scores

The exam is divided into 5 parts to be completed within a 2½ hour period.

Part I - Academic Aptitude (90 total possible points) Academic aptitude as measured by the total (combined subtests), might be thought of as a type of ability to learn. The academic aptitude total emphasizes familiar experiences and concepts while requiring careful reasoning and the capacity to comprehend and draw conclusions.

Verbal: The Verbal aspect consists of 30 vocabulary-related test questions. Empirical evidence has shown this type of test item to be highly related to academic success.

Arithmetic: The numerical aspect consists of 30 items drawing largely from arithmetic. To some degree, it involves skill with arithmetical concepts along with computational speed. The content of the numerical items is that to which practically all eighth grade students have been exposed.

Nonverbal: The nonverbal aspect consists of 30 test items calling for a comprehension of form relationships. Measurement is in terms of the ability to manipulate "things" mentally, to reason out differences in pictured objects, and to deal with concrete materials through visualization. Recognition of relationships and of differences has been shown by research to be basic to learning aptitude.

Part II – Spelling (60 total possible points) The spelling test measures skill with a tool essential to written expression or communication. It also reflects educational achievement in basic tools of learning.

Part III - Reading Comprehension (45 total possible points) This test measures ability to understand direct statements, interpret written content, see the authors intent, observe organization of ideas, and to extract information from written material with respect to ideas and purposes; thus to read and comprehend what is read.

Part IV - Information in the Natural Sciences (65 total possible points) Measurement with this test concerns accumulation of information in the natural sciences, i.e., biology, chemistry, health, safety, etc., at a fundamental level. The relationship of knowledge in the area of the natural sciences to the course of study of the allied health educational program is an obvious one.

Part V - Vocational Adjustment Index (90 total possible points) The person's characteristic life style is reflected in his or her distinctive educational and occupational adjustment. Feelings, attitudes, opinions, and other personality characteristics and behavioral traits, which may be quite acceptable in many situations, may not be those desirable for the prospective healthcare professional either as a student or as a practitioner

Competitive Admission Uses the Raw Scores for calculation (Best possible Raw Score is 350)

- Raw Scores represent the number of questions answered correctly in one particular part of the examination.
- When calculating the score, the first three columns (VE, AR, NE) are subtests of the AA category.
- The first three columns are combined to determine the Academic Aptitude (AA) score.
- To arrive at a raw score for the exam, add the raw score (RS) from the last 5 columns (AA, Sp, RC, INS and VAI).
- Adding all 8 columns **will not** give the correct score.*

How Are Students Selected for the Dental Hygiene Program?

Students are selected through a very strict competitive process.

Sample Spread Sheet

Course Name	Required Credit Hours	Credits Taken	Grade Earned	GPA Calc	Total Points	Quality Points
ENGL 1101 Composition I	3	3	4	12	6.333	9.50
ENGL 1102 Composition II	3	3	3	9	5.000	7.50
POLS 1101 American Government	3	3	3	9	5.000	7.50
HIST 2111 American History	3	3	4	12	6.333	9.50
PSYC 1101 Fundamentals of Psych	3	3	3	9	5.000	7.50
SOCI 1101 Intro to Sociology	3	3	3	9	5.000	7.50
ACED 2050, COMM 1100, COMM 1110	3	3	2	6	3.667	5.50
MATH 1101 or 1111	3	3	4	12	6.333	14.25
BIOL 2651 Human A & P	4	4	3	12	6.333	19.00
BIOL 2652 Human A & P	4	4	3	12	6.333	19.00
BIOL 2900 Microbiology	4	4	3	12	6.333	19.00
CHEM 1151 General: Chemistry I	4	4	4	16	8.000	24.00
CHEM 1152 Organic: Chemistry II	4	4	3	12	6.333	19.00
		44		142		168.75
						168.75
Criteria	Points Possible	Points Awarded				
Raw Score for HOAT	200-350		Student Name	Ima Sample		
Total Quality Points	268	168.75	WGTC ID#	900201369		
Graduate of ADA Program	5	0				
Total Score		168.75	VSU ID #	870789654		
Application Requirements Without Numerical Score						
Shadowing Hours	yes					
Dental Hygiene GPA based on prerequisite courses required for dental hygiene major	3.23					

Please Note the following:

1. Student must have a Dental Hygiene GPA of 2.5 or better.
2. The most recent score earned for a course will be used for calculation.
3. Scores in science related courses are weighted heavier than general core.
(BIOL 2651 and 2652, BIOL 2900, CHEM 1151K and 1152K)
4. The highest score will be used to calculate score for a course with multiple attempts.
5. The candidate's best HOAE score will be entered into the spread sheet.
6. Students that have successfully completed an ADA/CODA Accredited dental assisting program are entitled to 5 bonus points. Students wishing to claim points in this category must provide evidence of successful completion by including a copy of their diploma in the application packet.

Procedure for Application to Dental Hygiene Program

Note the Important Deadlines Below

Mid-March Attend Mandatory Admission Procedure Orientation on WGTC Campus (Dates TBA)

Students will have the opportunity to make application for enrollment to WGTC following the orientation.

April 1st Deadline to Apply for Enrollment to Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

May 15th Deadline to Submit Competitive Admission Application for Clinical DHYG Program

- 1. Complete (or on track to complete) Required Dental Hygiene Core**
- 2. Attend Admission Procedure Orientation in Mid-March**
- 3. Sit for the Health Occupations Aptitude Exam**
 - a. Sit for the HOAE exam during the spring semester immediately preceding the application deadline.
 - b. A copy of your scores will be provided to you by the VSU testing office.
 - c. Call the VSU Testing office at 229-245-3878 to schedule the time and date for your exam.
 - d. Applicable testing fee will be paid to VSU. (Fee is \$40.00 as of 9/1/2015)
 - e. Additional information and study materials for the HOAE can be found at:
<http://psbttests.com/site/products/hoae.html> and <http://www.psbtests.com/resources/resources.aspx>
- 4. Begin Application Process for Admission to Wiregrass Georgia Technical College NLT April 1st**
 - a. Complete the WGTC Application for Admission. Indicate Dental Hygiene as your program of choice.
 - b. Application form is available on WGTC website or at admissions office.
 - c. Your admissions process and formal acceptance must be completed before making application to the clinical training program May 15th.
 - d. A \$25 application fee will be paid directly to WGTC.
 - e. The April 1st deadline is designed to allow ample time to complete the admissions process prior to the clinical application deadline.
 - f. Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions will be required for the admissions process.
 - g. Students that been previously admitted to Wiregrass should check with the admissions office to determine if readmission or a new application is required.
- 5. Submit Dental Hygiene Application for Competitive Admission No Later Than May 15th.**

Submit your Dental Hygiene Clinical Application Packet to the WGTC Admissions Office!

Do not submit competitive admissions document to dental department!

Completed clinical application packet **MUST** include the following:

 - The Application Checklist with Advisory Statement
 - Dental Hygiene Competitive Admissions Application
 - Current Official VSU Transcript (*Must have spring semester final grades*)
 - Health Occupations Aptitude Exam Scores (*Must be Current within 1 year*)
 - Completed Shadowing Verification Forms

**Dental Hygiene Clinical Application Checklist
and
Advisory Statement Regarding Misdemeanors and Felonies**

All of the following items must be included in your completed application packet in the following order:

1. _____ This Checklist/Advisory Statement
2. _____ Dental Hygiene Competitive Admissions Application
3. _____ Health Occupations Aptitude Exam Scores *(Must be Current within 1 year.)*
4. _____ Completed Shadowing Verification Forms
5. _____ Current Official VSU Transcript *(Must have spring semester final grades.)*
6. _____ Read and Sign Advisory Statement Below

**For Questions Regarding the Application Process,
Please Call the Dental Department at 229-245-3716 or 229-259-5533.**

By signing the statement below you are acknowledging your understanding of the following Advisory Statement for Dental Hygiene Licensure:

“Valdosta State University, Wiregrass Georgia Technical College and faculty and staff are not responsible in the event a student successfully completes DHYG program requirements and boards but is unable to obtain licensure due to misdemeanors and/or felonies. It is the sole responsibility of the student to determine if a previous felony or misdemeanor conviction might preclude licensure to practice Dental Hygiene. ”

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Competitive Admissions Application for Dental Hygiene Program

DHYG APPLICATION DEADLINE is May 15th. Submit your application to WGTC Admissions Office

Note: If May 15th falls on a weekend the following Monday will be considered the Deadline

In addition to submitting a completed program application, copies of all transcripts and required exam scores must be included. Incomplete applications will not be considered for admissions into the DHYG Program.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI) _____

WGTC ID# _____ VSU ID# _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone#: _____ Cell#: _____ Alternate Contact# _____

VSU Student E-mail: (**NO personal e-mail**) _____

QUALIFYING QUESTIONS

You must be unconditionally accepted to the College and in good academic standing before applying to the DHYG program. I have been unconditionally accepted to WGTC: Yes No

I have the required Dental Hygiene GPA for the program: Yes No My GPA is: _____

I successfully completed the HOAE exam: Yes My exam score is: _____

I have attached a copy of the HOAE scores: Yes No

I have attached copies of all transcripts from all institutions attended: Yes No

I have attached a **current official** VSU transcript. Yes No

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I have completed all the required core courses: Yes No

If no, list the in progress courses you are currently taking below:

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Contact Sandi Woodward, Director of Dental Programs with questions related to completion of your competitive admissions application @ 229-259-5533 or sandi.woodward@wiregrass.edu

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