Are you interested in a health care profession with excellent opportunities and flexible schedules? Do you enjoy a hands-on approach to learning? With a dynamic and challenging career as a dental hygienist, you will have a critical role as part of a dental health care team that educates and treats patients.

As a dental hygienist, you may perform these tasks:

- document medical and dental histories
- head and neck cancer screenings
- taking x-rays (radiographs)
- placing temporary fillings
- finishing and polishing amalgam restorations
- scaling and polishing teeth
- applying preventive agents
- educating patients about oral health and prevention

Many dental employers in the region consider the Dental Hygiene program at the College as the first source for qualified employees. Most students in the program have been offered at least one position before graduating.

Career Paths

Today’s society places great value on an attractive smile. At the same time, research is discovering important links between dental health and overall health.

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition, lists dental hygienists as one of the fastest-growing occupations through 2018. The Handbook says the demand for dental care is expanding, and hygienists are increasingly performing work that used to be done only by dentists. The Handbook adds that as the

Pass rates for the College’s Dental Hygiene graduates taking the national certification exam consistently exceed the national average.

The only accredited Dental Hygiene program in Philadelphia, the College’s Dental Hygiene program offers:

- state-of-the art equipment
- faculty who are experts in the dental hygiene profession
- supervised hands-on experience with patients in the campus dental hygiene clinic
- excellent preparation for taking the required exams for licensing and certification

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population grows and people retain their teeth longer than previous generations, the demand for dental hygienists will increase.

The Dental Hygiene Program
The A.A.S. program in Dental Hygiene provides the opportunity for students to learn:

- operation of dental instruments on the most current equipment in the field
- principles of educating patients about preventive oral health
- dental diseases and conditions, and their treatment
- dental hygiene procedures and treatment on diverse populations in the city
- how to apply preventive agents, such as dental sealants and fluoride
- ethical and legal considerations of the profession

Salaries
Dental hygienists – $66,570/year*


Graduates with an A.A.S. degree:
- are eligible to take the state and national exams for dental hygiene credentials
- can apply for a position in private dental practices, schools, public health centers, hospitals, managed care practices, correctional institutions and nursing homes, upon licensing
- can transfer seamlessly to a four-year program, such as Drexel University

Areas of Study
This curriculum includes courses in Dental Radiology; Oral Pathology; Pharmacology and Pain Management; Oral Head and Neck Anatomy; and Periodontics.

Admission to the College
Prospective students are strongly encouraged to apply early prior to the start of a term in order to complete the appropriate steps for enrollment. For more information about admission to the College and important dates, including open house information, visit our website at www.ccp.edu, call 215-751-8010 or email admissions@ccp.edu.

College Information
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- Transfer Agreements
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- Scholarships and Awards
  www.ccp.edu/site/current/scholarships/
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- Directions to the College
  www.ccp.edu/site/locations/main.php

This program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.