



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

www.valdosta.edu/dentalhygiene

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

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences Academic Advising Center 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: conhsadvising@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. It is strongly advised that all core courses be completed prior to application to clinical program. Core complete applicants are stronger applicants due to the quality point system utilized for selection.
- c. It is permissible to apply with courses in progress during summer semester. A candidate may be offered tentative acceptance pending successful completion of an in progress course.
- d. If a tentatively selected applicant fails to successfully complete in progress coursework over the summer semester, the position will be revoked and offered to an alternate candidate.
- e. Final evaluation for completion of core will take place at the END of summer semester. A current official transcript will be required to verify course completion.

Completion of Core Courses *Continued*

- f. Science courses include: BIOL 2651, BIOL 2652, BIOL 2900, CHEM 1151K, and CHEM 1152K.
Be advised that science courses are weighted heavier in the competitive admissions process.
- g. Science courses must not be older than 10 years at the time of program application.
- h. Note that completion of core courses does not guarantee program admission.

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 as the degree is awarded thru Valdosta State University, a member of the University System of Georgia.
- 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, Prerequisite Courses and Program Progression

- a. All prerequisite courses required for Dental Hygiene major must be passed with a minimum grade of "C" or better. Minimum dental hygiene program GPA is 2.5.
- 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 program 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. The **highest** course attempt will be calculated in the GPA for competitive admission.
- e. Students must successfully complete all Dental Hygiene courses with 70% or better.

Satisfactory Progress for Program Progression

- a. Once accepted to the clinical program students must successfully complete all Dental Hygiene courses with a final score of 70% or better to proceed in the program.
- b. A final grade less than 70% in any DHYG course is considered **unsatisfactory** progress.
- c. Students that do not demonstrate satisfactory progress (70%) will be required to withdraw from the program due to academic deficiency.
- d. A student that is withdrawn from the program academically is not allowed to reapply in the very next application cycle. An academically deficient student must sit out 1 application cycle before submitting a new application for competitive admission.

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."

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7. Shadowing Hours

- a. Dental office shadowing is required to gain first-hand 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.
- e. Please Note: If a student is not selected for the program on the initial attempt the shadowing hours **can be carried over** to the next year. It will not be necessary to repeat shadowing hours.

8. Health Occupations Aptitude Exam (HOAE)

- a. The HOAE is administered at the VSU Testing Office. (Fee is \$65.00 as of May 2019)
- b. Students should sit for the HOAE exam by midterm of the spring semester immediately preceding the application deadline. A copy of the exam scores will be provided to students by the testing office. Score report must be submitted with the application.
- 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 selection.
- d. Call the VSU Testing office at 229-245-3878 to schedule the time and date for your examination.
- e. Student may take the HOAE up to 3 times in an application cycle.
- f. Please Note: HOAE scores **cannot be carried over** from previous application cycles. If a student is reapplying it is necessary to repeat the HOAE exam in the current application cycle. Current scores must be submitted with the application.
- g. Guidelines, additional information and study materials for the HOAE can be found in this packet.

9. Minimum Physical Requirements

- a. Good Visual Acuity: (Natural or corrected) Students must be able to detect subtle differences in color, shape size, dimension and be able to differentiate measurements within + or – 1mm.
- b. Hearing: (Natural or corrected) Must be able to hear auditory sounds for equipment. Must be able to hear patient conversation and faint sounds such as auscultatory sounds and TMJ sounds.
- c. Physical Ability to sit and focus into a small area for extended periods of time. Ability to assist with ambulation of patients.
- d. Excellent Manual Dexterity and Hand Eye Coordination

A detailed description of physical requirements and technical standards for dental programs located on page 7.

10. Permanent Records and Health History Profile

Upon program acceptance, students will be required to complete an electronic health history profile through Castle Branch. Profile contents include but are not limited to:

- a. *Vaccination Records*
- b. *Required Vaccinations and Titers*
- c. *TB Test (2 Tests, Upon program entry and again beginning senior year)*
- d. *Oral Health Verification (Can be done in our dental clinic or your dentist of record)*

**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 during clinical training.
- 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. 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.
- 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. Be sure that you are financially prepared for the program.

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 <i>*student ADA & student disability claims only</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.</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> <p>Applicants should be aware that the Dental hygiene profession is a Class 1 on OSHA's exposure classification scale.</p>

TECHNICAL AND ESSENTIAL STANDARDS FOR DENTAL PROFESSIONS

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 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 using reasonable grammar and syntax. The ability to read and comprehend technical English rapidly. 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. Possess excellent hand eye coordination. Examples assessment of attachment levels and periodontal probing; perform root debridement and soft tissue management; 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, take manual blood pressure using a stethoscope 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 oral 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 1080 Dental Biology	5
BIOL 2651 Human A & P	4	DHYG 1206 Pharmacology	3
BIOL 2652 Human A & P	4	TOTAL HOURS	12
BIOL 2900 Microbiology	4		
CHEM 1151K Survey of Chem I (General)	4	<u>SPRING I</u>	
CHEM 1152K Survey of Chem II (Organic)	4	DHYG 1110 D.H. Lec I	2
POLS 1101 American Government	3	DHYG 1111 D.H. Clinic I	3
HIST 2111 or 2112 American History	3	DHYG 2200 Periodontology	3
PSYC 1101 Fundamentals of Psychology	3	DHYG 1070 Radiology Lecture	2
SOCI 1101 Intro to Sociology	3	DHYG 1090 Radiology Lab	1
COMM 1110 or COMM 1100 or ACED 2050	<u>3</u>	TOTAL HOURS	11
TOTAL HOURS @ VSU	44		
		<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
		<u>SPRING II</u>	
		DHYG 2130 D.H. Lec IV	2
		DHYG 2140 D.H. Clinic IV	4
		TOTAL HOURS	6
RECAP FOR BOTH INSTITUTIONS			
Semester Credits for VSU	44		
Semester Credits for WGTC	48		
Total Semester Credits for Program	92		

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.

Transfer students should note that a mini of 21 credit hours (Non-DHYG) MUST be ta at VSU to meet the residency requirements as required by Georgia Board of Regents.

TOTAL DHYG HOURS @ WGTC **48**

Estimated Expenses for the Dental Hygiene Clinical Training Program

Fall I	Expense	Vendor for Purchase
Medical Requirements for Program Entry: Hepatitis B, Required Vaccines, Required titers, TB Test, Oral Exam	250.00	Student Choice of Healthcare Providers
4 Ceil Blue Uniforms, Lab Coat, Clinic Shoes	350.00	Student Choice
Loupes (Designs for Vision, Surgitel, Orascoptic, Choice of Vendor)	1000.00	Pay Direct to Vendor
Name Tag	18.00	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 and Sterilization Supplies	600.00	Hu-Friedy
Clinic Equipment and Supplies: Red/Blue Charting Pencils, Journal, Clinic Notebook, Safety Glasses, 2 Tone Disclosing Solution	50.00	Bookstore and local vendors
Dental Typodont	278.00	Kilgore
CPR Class (Scheduled and provided by Faculty in Program: DO NOT take a class on your own!)	55.00	WGTC B & I
TalEval Patient/Student Tracking Fee (one time charge)	90.00	Paid to Bookstore
Spring I		
RINN Devices for Radiology	248.00	Specified Vendor
Brand New Jump Drive Dedicated to Radiology Course (5gig minimum)	12.00	Book Store
Books and Supplies	200.00	Bookstore
Additional Uniform	50.00	Student Choice
Cavitron Inserts	500.00	Bookstore
Summer		
Lab Kit for Dental Materials	50.00	Bookstore
Books and Supplies	200.00	Bookstore
Additional Uniform	50.00	Student Choice
Fall II		
TB Test Due on 1 st Day of Fall Semester (TB must be repeated annually)	35.00	Student Choice
Senior Instrument Kit	400.00	Hu-Friedy
Books HESI Review Code 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. Fees include estimated lodging and travel.</i>	600.00	Board Review TBA
Spring II (Items with *may be covered by WIOA for eligible students)		
Hu Friedy Instrument Trade In*	100.00	Hu-Friedy
Books and Supplies	150.00	Bookstore
DHYG Pin and Stole Fee (Does not include cost for embroidery)	50.00	Pay in Book Store
Dental Hygiene National Board*	375.00	NBDHE
CRDTS Clinical Exam Fee (\$995) and Site Fee (\$175)*	1170.00	CRDTS
CRDTS Lodging, Food and Travel Expense for student and patient	400.00	Student Choice
Graduation Application Fee @ VSU	35.00	VSU Bursary

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DHYG Estimated Expenses Explanation

- The 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 students will not be allowed to attend class without required books, instruments or supplies. Student will be marked absent. Please make financial arrangements before each semester begins.**
- Expenses described below **DO NOT** include tuition and fees that are paid directly to VSU each semester.
- 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.

Estimated Fees and Expenses are correct at the time this list is published.

Fees are subject to change without notice

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
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 highest course score earned will be used for competitive admission calculations.
3. Scores in science related courses are weighted heavier than general core.
(BIOL 2651 and 2652, BIOL 2900, CHEM 1151K and 1152K)
4. The candidate's best HOAE score will be entered into the spread sheet.
5. 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.
6. Shadowing hours are required but non-weighted in the admissions process.

HOAE Study Resources

The resources below are suggested as current resources but NOT endorsed by VSU or WGTC.



PSB Exam Secrets Study Guide

Practice Test Questions and Includes Step-by-Step Tutorial Videos

Covering PSB-RN, PSB-PN and the PSB-HO (Health Occupations Aptitude Exam)

Study Guide, Flash Cards and Practice Tests

New Edition for 2019 Available online through Mometrix

<https://www.mometrix.com/studyguides/psb/>



PSB Health Occupations Study Guide 2019-2020: Nursing Exam Prep Book and Practice Test Questions for the PSB HOAE (Health Occupations Aptitude Exam)

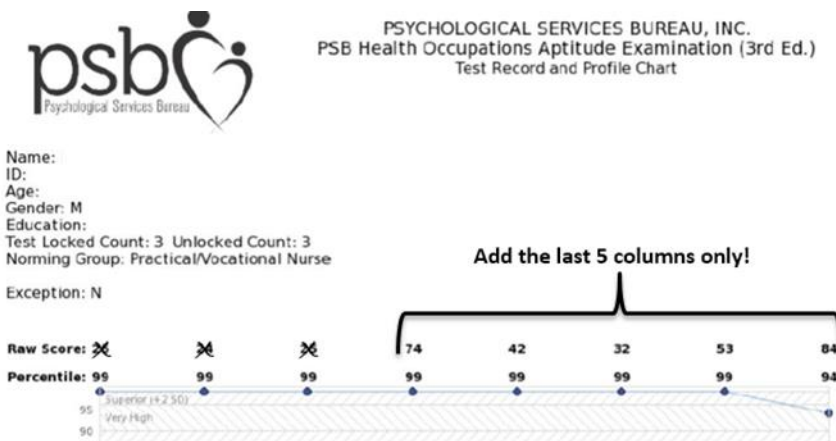
Ascencia Test Prep's unofficial *PSB Health Occupations Study Guide 2019-2020: Nursing Exam Prep Book and Practice Test Questions for the PSB HOAE (Health Occupations Aptitude Exam)* offers you examples, graphics, and information, you'll benefit from a quick yet total review –

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- Sample Test Questions: <http://psbtests.com/wp-content/uploads/11HOAEsq.pdf>
- Exam is 2 Hours and 10 Minutes Long
- Register for the HOAE Exam at VSU Testing Office on line: <https://www2.registerblast.com/valdosta/Exam/List>
- Cost of Exam: \$65 (As of 5/22/2019)
- Best Possible score is 350. Minimum Required score for program application is 200.

How to Read HOAE Score Report



Score Your Results

- The Raw Score will be used for calculations.
- DO NOT use the first three columns in your computations. (Notice the 1st 3 Columns are X out in the example.
- Add the last 5 columns together to get your score
- Score in the example to the left is 285.

$$74 + 42 + 32 + 53 + 84 = \underline{285}$$

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Procedure for Application to Dental Hygiene Program

1. **Attend mandatory Admission Procedure Orientation in Mid-March (Dates TBA)**
2. **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 \$60.00 as of 07/1/2017)
 - e. You are allowed 3 attempts in a 24 month period.
 - f. Scores must be current within 1 year of application deadline. (I.e. the oldest your score can be is May 15th of the previous year.)
3. **Begin Application Process for Admission to Wiregrass Georgia Technical College**
 - a. All applicants should apply and be fully admitted to Wiregrass no later than April 1st.
 - b. The April 1st deadline is designed to allow ample time to complete the admissions process prior to the clinical application deadline of May 15th.
 - c. The process can take up to 2 weeks so don't wait until the last minute!
 - d. Students will be dually enrolled at both institutions during clinical training.
 - e. Complete the WGTC Application for Admission.
 - f. Indicate Dental Hygiene as your program of choice.
 - g. Application form is available on WGTC website or at admissions office.
 - h. Your admissions process and formal acceptance must be completed before making application to the clinical training program May 15th.
 - i. An application fee will be paid directly to WGTC.
 - j. Official transcripts from **all** previously attended institutions are required for application.
 - k. Students that been previously admitted to Wiregrass should check with the admissions office to determine if readmission or a new application is required.
4. **HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR COMPETITIVE ADMISSION APPLICATION TO THE CLINICAL PROGRAM.**
 - a. Complete Your Competitive Admission Application No Later Than May 15th.
 - b. Applications must be submitted online by going to the Wiregrass Competitive Admissions Web Page: <https://www.wiregrass.edu/academic-support-services/competitive-admissions-process>
 - c. Candidates will need an electronic copy of all the following documents to upload with the application: Final transcripts, HOAE scores and shadowing verification forms.
 - d. Candidates will need to know their Wiregrass 900# and their Wiregrass email address before submitting the online application
 - e. If you have any difficulties with the electronic application process call or visit the Advising Center on the Wiregrass Campus. 229-333-2100 x 2464 or Berrien Hall Suite 100 on the Valdosta Campus.

Be advised that a **mandatory** program specific orientation will be held in Late June for accepted students.

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM PRE-ADMISSION SHADOWING VERIFICATION FORM

It is required that applicants observe the practice of Dental Hygiene for a minimum of **24 hours** prior to their educational experience in the Dental Hygiene Program. As a member of the dental health team, it is important that applicants have an awareness of the wide variety of duties related to the practice of dental hygiene.

Name of Applicant _____

Wiregrass ID# _____

VSU Student ID# _____

Phone # _____

*Only one form is required. Multiple observations will be recorded on one form *

Date of Observation	Name and Location of Practice or Dentist	Numbers of Hours Observed	Verification by RDH Signature
Total Observation Hours			

By my signature below I attest that I have shadowed for the hours and in the locations shown above.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

*Note: If a candidate is not selected for the program upon initial application the shadowing hours can be resubmitted with subsequent application the following year. Student **DOES NOT** have to repeat shadowing hours.*

This version current as of June 11, 2019 and replaces all previous versions.



Are Congratulations in Order?!

If you are accepted to the Dental Hygiene Program remember these important things:

- ✓ **Students will be required to recruit and schedule patients to meet requirements.**
 - It is the responsibility of each student to maintain chair occupancy at all times to meet minimum patient requirements for graduation.
 - Some patients do call in randomly for appointments. However, it is the student's responsibility to be sure you have enough patients.
 - At the time of publication of this document students are expected to complete a minimum 70 patients. 20 of which must be high Calculus classification levels of 3 and 4. Students are responsible for recruiting patients to meet requirements.
- ✓ **In addition to learning how to clean teeth (prophylaxis) you will also receive instruction on many direct patient care services including the following:**
 - Utilizing various dental materials to take dental impressions
 - Construct study models and bleaching trays
 - Periodontal Therapy (Deep Cleanings)
 - Patient Care Treatment Planning
 - Provide Oral Healthcare Instruction for Individuals and Groups
 - Dental Radiographic Techniques (X-rays)
 - Sealants and Fluoride Treatments
 - Insurance Billing and Coding for Dental Hygiene Services
 - Smoking Cessation Therapy Resources and Techniques
 - Nutrition Counseling for Optimum Dental Health
 - And many more exciting things.....!
- ✓ **Numerous expenses are involved in the process of dental hygiene training.**
 - An estimated expense list is included in this packet. Please review carefully.
 - The student must be prepared to purchase necessary supplies, instruments and fees as described each semester.

For additional information about the dental hygiene process of care please visit:

https://study.com/articles/Registered_Dental_Hygienist_Job_Description_Duties_and_Requirements.html