Admissions Formula
Core Curriculum Hours  20%  
Core Curriculum GPA  15%  
Science GPA  20%  
Science Hours Completed  20%  
References  5%  
Personal Statement  5%  

Multiple attempts of same course will be averaged to determine GPA

The components above will be utilized to determine the top 20 candidates who will receive an interview. The interview is weighted at 15%.

Re-application Process
If you are re-applying to the program, you will need to submit all new application materials, references and observations by the March 1st deadline.

Program Requirements
Prior to starting the program, students are required to complete all core classes and provide documentation of a completed background check and drug screening (performed at their expense). While in the program, random drug testing is performed at the student’s expense, and students are required to maintain health insurance coverage and Healthcare Provider CPR certification. Please refer to the college catalog for program specifics.

TOEFL Requirement
Students applying to the dental hygiene program for whom English is a second language will need to submit proof of the following achievement on the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) exam in addition to the other admission requirements.

550 on paper based exam
213 on computer exam
80 on internet exam

TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS
In an effort to be sensitive to the health concerns of the campus community, Georgia Highlands College is a tobacco free environment. All forms of tobacco use, including electronic-cigarettes are banned on GHC campuses.

Georgia Highlands College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment and Educational Opportunity Institution.

The statements set forth in this brochure are for informational purposes only and should not be construed as the basis of a contract between a student and this institution.

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The GHC Dental Hygiene program is a two-year, five semester associate degree program. One class is accepted each year, beginning in the fall. A strong math/science academic background is recommended.

Application Deadline
Applications will be accepted January 1st to March 1st for fall admission. All applicants must use current forms. Applications and materials are available on our website.

Early application to the college and dental hygiene is highly encouraged so all forms and materials can be accounted for prior to the deadline. It is the applicant's responsibility to check with our office to determine if all necessary information has been submitted prior to the deadline. We strongly encourage applicants to read the Frequently Asked Questions on our website.

Selection Process
The completed records of all applicants who meet minimum requirements will be reviewed after March 1st and the top 20 applicants will be invited for an interview. The 14 students who are admitted will be notified by mail.

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Admission Requirement Checklist
- Minimum 850 SAT or 18 ACT composite
- Minimum 2.5 GPA on Core Curriculum
- Essential functions necessary for admission and progression—see catalog
- Documentation of 30 hours of observation with a hygienist in two different General Dental Practices.
- Proof of current admission to Georgia Highlands
- If not already enrolled at GHC, apply early
- Official copies of all college transcripts from other schools- GHC students do not need to send transcripts
- Three letters of reference
- Biology courses must be less than 6 years old or they must be retaken (See *courses below)
- CHEM 1151K or CHEM 1211K, BIOL 2121K and BIOL 2122K complete (grade of "C" or better) by end of the spring term you are applying
- Dental Hygiene application and forms on website.
- Signed acknowledgement of Bloodborne Pathogen Policy.
- Proof of Information Session attendance. See website for Schedule

Core Curriculum
- BIOL 2121K Human Anatomy & Physiology I *
- BIOL 2122K Human Anatomy & Physiology II *
- BIOL 2161K Medical Microbiology *
- BIOL 2190 Nutrition*
- MATH 1111 College Algebra or MATH 1001 Quantitative Skills and Reasoning
- CHEM 1151K Survey of Chemistry I or CHEM 1211K- Principles of Chemistry I
- ENGL 1101 Composition
- COMM 1100 Human Communication or COMM 1110 Public Speaking
- PSYC 1101 General Psychology
- SOCI 1101 Sociology
- POLS 1101 American Government and HIST 2111 or American History I
- HIST 2112 American History II
- HUMN Elec 3 hour course

Applicants must have completed CHEM 1151K or CHEM 1211K, BIOL 2121K, & BIOL 2122K by the end of the spring semester that you are applying.

In order to be competitive for the interview selection, students are encouraged to complete as much of the core curriculum as possible prior to applying to the program.

Only those courses with a grade of "C" or better will be accepted for credit. GHC Admissions determines the transferability of courses taken at other institutions.

Dental Hygiene Curriculum

Fall
- DHYG 1100 Preclinical Dental Hygiene
- DHYG 1110 Introduction to Patient Care
- DHYG 1120 Dental Anatomy/Histology
- DHYG 1220 Dental Radiology

Spring
- DHYG 1200 Clinical Dental Hygiene I
- DHYG 1210 Dental Hygiene I
- DHYG 1320 Periodontics
- DHYG 1300 Oral Pathology

Summer
- DHYG 1300 Clinical Dental Hygiene II
- DHYG 1310 Dental Hygiene II
- DHYG 1330 Dental Pharmacology

Fall
- DHYG 2400 Clinical Dental Hygiene III
- DHYG 2410 Dental Hygiene III
- DHYG 2420 Dental Materials
- DHYG 2430 Community Dental Health

Spring
- DHYG 2500 Clinical Dental Hygiene IV
- DHYG 2510 Dental Hygiene IV