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## Selection Criteria

To be eligible for admission to the Shasta College Dental Hygiene Program, **the student applicant must have all minimum enrollment requirements completed** in order to calculate GPA points. All prerequisite courses must be completed with a minimum grade of “C” or better. Applications with in-progress work will not be accepted.

Tied scores will be determined by random ranking based on the date the application was submitted. In-progress applicants will not displace any previously ranked completed applications.

- Student applicants must present documentation of residency. The Shasta College Dental Hygiene Program assigns application points to residents of the following counties: Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity. The Program welcomes applications from students who reside in other California counties. Although program admissions are limited to 16 per year, students from other counties have been admitted in the past.
- Student applicants must have an overall GPA of at least 2.5 in general prerequisite courses. Only courses from an accredited college or university will be accepted. It is the student's responsibility to provide official transcripts from other colleges and universities. (Please note: This is in addition to the science prerequisite course requirement.)
- Student applicants must have an overall GPA of at least 2.5 in science prerequisite courses. Only courses from an accredited college or university will be accepted. It is the student's responsibility to provide official transcripts from other colleges and universities. (Please note: This is in addition to the general prerequisite course requirement.)

Final selection of qualified applicant candidates is competitive using the following selection criteria (point system):

Cumulative GPA in all prerequisite courses:	30 points possible
GPA in core Science prerequisite courses:	30 points possible
Work Experience:	10 points possible
Previous Alternate:	10 points possible
Special Considerations:	10 points possible
Documented Residency:	<u>10</u> points possible
	<b>Total 100 points possible</b>

## Point Assignment

**Prerequisite Course Cumulative  
Grade Point Average (GPA):**  
30 points possible

GPA	Points
3.86 – 4.00	30
3.70 – 3.85	28
3.54 – 3.69	26
3.38 – 3.53	24
3.22 – 3.37	22
3.06 – 3.21	20
2.98 – 3.05	18
2.90 – 2.97	16
2.82 – 2.89	14
2.74 – 2.81	12
2.66 – 2.73	10
2.58 – 2.65	8
2.50 – 2.57	6

**Core Science Prerequisite Grade  
Point Average (GPA):**  
30 points possible

GPA	Points
3.86 – 4.00	30
3.70 – 3.85	28
3.54 – 3.69	26
3.38 – 3.53	24
3.22 – 3.37	22
3.06 – 3.21	20
2.98 – 3.05	18
2.90 – 2.97	16
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2.74 – 2.81	12
2.66 – 2.73	10
2.58 – 2.65	8
2.50 – 2.57	6

**Work experience:** 10 points possible – one of the following only

Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) - documentation required	10 points
RDA - New Grad – no work experience – documentation required	8 points
Non-licensed Dental Assistant with >500 Hrs documented work experience	5 points
Licensed/Certified Healthcare Professional with >500 Hrs documented work experience	5 points

*NOTE: 500 hrs is considered 6 mo full time or 1 yr part time*

**Alternate Candidate from Previous Year:** 10 points possible

**Special Considerations:** 10 points possible – two categories only

Linguistic diversity – second language other than English, as verified by a course or certification; Sign Language not accepted.	5 points
3 units of additional course work in science	5 points
Previous degree from an accredited institution (Associate, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate);	5 points

**Documented Residency** within the following counties: 10 points possible

Butte	Del Norte	Glenn	Humboldt	Lassen	Mendocino
Modoc	Pumas	Shasta	Siskiyou	Tehama	Trinity