



Dental Hygiene

Portland Community College · Associate degree

Explore preventive oral care, patient education and clinical practice.

BEFORE YOU APPLY

Science, math, writing and other required courses need C grades or better. Chemistry/math rules vary by intake; check transfer equivalencies and microbiology recency.

TIME, SCHEDULE & APPLICATION

Two full-time program years follow prerequisites and selection. Plan for clinics and a first-year summer. Fall 2027 program applications: January 2-April 16; PCC admission: March 17; prerequisites: March 21. Verify exact deadlines online.

BUILD YOUR BUDGET

PCC's \$23,000-\$25,000 headline and \$35,368+ itemized total conflict. Request a current written estimate, clarify optional items and add prerequisite, travel and living costs.

CREDENTIALS & OUTCOMES

Graduation, exams and licensure are separate. This differs from dental assisting. Census related-field median: \$59,550 one year after graduation (2016-2020 cohorts; 2023 dollars). See profile for field and coverage limits.

YOUR NEXT THREE STEPS

1. [Map your prerequisite plan](#). Use your intended application year's checklist, including course equivalencies and recency.
2. [Review the separate selection process](#). Check college and program deadlines, transcripts and required selection events.
3. [Ask PCC to reconcile the cost](#). Ask which total and optional expenses apply to your cohort.

