

WCTC Dental Hygiene Petition Frequently Asked Questions

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Q: Is applying for admission to the Dental Hygiene program and petitioning the same thing?

A: No. When you apply for admission, you are applying to the college for acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program. Petitioning occurs when you are ready to take the Dental Hygiene core classes.

Q: Do I have to be admitted into the Dental Hygiene program before I petition?

A: Yes. You must complete all admission steps and be admitted into the Dental Hygiene program prior to petitioning for the Dental Hygiene core classes. Students that are fully admitted into the program, will petition in spring for a fall semester start. Students that meet the petition requirements and are awarded a seat, will start core DH clinical courses in the fall.

Q: How do I know when I am ready to petition?

A: You are ready to petition once you have completed your prerequisite courses. All general education courses require a minimum grade of C. The science courses require a minimum grade of B-. If you complete ALL of the required General Education courses by the end of a fall semester you will be eligible to petition the following spring.

Q: Can I transfer in courses?

A: Yes as long as the courses meet the minimum grade requirements.

Q: What if I completed my 3 Science classes a long time ago?

A: WCTC does not have a recency policy. However, we highly recommend that any science course older than 5 years from the start of any DH core course be repeated or audited.

Q: Are there specific times in which I can petition for Dental Hygiene core classes?

A: Yes. The petition window is once a year, February 1st – February 10th for the fall semester.

Q: What specifically do I have to do in order to petition?

A: You must complete the petition form and submit any required documentation via the petition link on the Dental Hygiene web page.

Q: I missed the window to petition but I have all of my general education requirements done. Will you accept a late petition?

A: No. Late petitions are not accepted.

Q: How many seats are there? How are seats awarded?

A: There are 20 seats in the core program with an additional 5 Alternate seats awarded each year. Not all of these seats are awarded to new students. Some are awarded to the previous year's alternates (see next question). Seats are awarded via a competitive points-based petition process.

Q: What happens if I am awarded an alternate spot?

A: There are 5 alternates each year. Alternates following the same requirements as students who are awarded a seat. The alternates are only offered a seat if they have successfully completed Dental Health Safety and someone else declines their seat or is unable to continue after accepting a seat. If an alternate meets awarded requirements, they are guaranteed a seat the following fall semester without having to repeat Dental Health Safety.