FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When's the deadline? How long is the wait? Do my courses meet your requirements and other frequently asked questions?
A: Cabrillo does not honor any recency requirements on prerequisite courses nor do we have an annual applications deadline. We do accept applications all year long with a new class beginning each summer.

Q: How often are applications accepted?
A: Applications are accepted all year around.

Q: What is the average amount of time it takes to complete the prerequisites?
A: Approximately two years.

Q: How well trained are Cabrillo's dental hygiene students?
A: Our students are very well trained and prepared when they enter the workforce.

Q: How do I get information about courses that I took at another college to see if I can have the transferred to Cabrillo?
A: An in person or phone appointment can be scheduled with the dental hygiene counselor by visiting the calling 831-479-6274 or 831-479-6225. More information can be found at the Counseling Department web page.

Q: What makes Cabrillo's faculty so well qualified?
A: Our faculty assist the students in successfully completing the two-year program in various ways including preparation for the state and national examinations.

Q: How many students are accepted into the program each year? When do classes begin?
A: 20-22 students are accepted each fall.

Q: How are classes formed each fall?
A: Each class is created from the existing class placement list beginning with the application with the earliest postmark date.

Q: Are any entrance examinations required or suggested that will get me in the program sooner?
A: No, there are no entrance examinations required including the Allied Health Professionals Exam.

Q: Is there a wait to enter the program? If so, how long is the wait?
A: Yes, currently there is approximately a two to three year wait but this changes significantly due to applicant attrition.

Q: Is there any way to get into the program sooner?
A: No. The only way you can get into the program sooner is if the class placement list is adjusted based on other applicants requesting to be dropped from the program.

Q: Does the program accept advance placement?
A: No.

Q: What happens after I turn in my application?
A: When your application is received in the department, you will in return receive a postcard letting you know your application has been received. Your name is then placed on the class list based on the application postmark date. It is then sent to a counselor who will review it for course equivalency and GPA requirements.

Q: What happens after the counselor reviews my application?
A: Your application is returned to the department who will then review the counselor’s notes. If your application is qualified, per counselors remarks, you will receive a letter stating your placement on the wait list

Q: Do I have to keep reapplying? How long will my application stay on file?
A: No. Your application will stay on file until you 1.) You have been selected to enter the program, 2.) You request in writing that it be removed or, 3.) The department is unable to contact you in some way

Q: If I request to be dropped or the program is unable to contact me, therefore drops me from the class placement list, do I keep my placement or what happens?
A: No. You will be required to reapply meeting the application requirements in place at that time. You will then be placed on the class placement list based on the postmark date of the newly submitted application

Q: Do I have to stay in contact with the department? What information would they need? Why do they need this information?
A: Yes. The department needs to be informed, in writing, of any personal information changes. If for some reason the department cannot contact you, by phone, e-mail or certified mail, you will be dropped from the class placement list

Q: How long is the dental hygiene program? How long can I expect to be in classes once I'm accepted in the program?
A: The program is a full two years. Classes are scheduled normally from approximately 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday with occasional evening or Saturday clinic or off campus rotations

Q: Are the evening or Saturday clinic or off campus rotations required?
A: Yes. These clinics and rotations are considered as part of the course requirements and you will receive grades accordingly

Q: How do I obtain additional information about the program or get answers to specific questions?
A: Contact Sharon Spence, Dental Hygiene Program Specialist or dental_hygiene@cabrillo.edu or 831-479-6471

Q: How do I find out information about Financial Aid or Scholarships?
A: Contact the Financial Aid and Scholarship office at 831-479.6548

Q: You will find the answers to many of your general questions about Cabrillo, like college admission policies?
A: You can find this information by visiting the "New Students" area of the college web site at www.cabrillo.edu