To qualify for Specialized Admissions, applicants must satisfy all of the following: General Requirements, meet minimum TSI scores, Mandatory courses, and Pre-Program Specifics. Once all requirements are completed, ranking points are derived from the most recent TSI scores and most recent G.P.A of ranking courses. Applicants who complete all ranking courses may be more competitive for admission into their program of choice.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for Specialized Admissions must satisfy minimum criteria in order to be eligible for ranking. The following is required of all applicants:

- Submit all previous college/university official transcripts (transliteration of all foreign coursework required) prior to ranking.
- Must have a High School Diploma or GED. Submit official transcripts to: El Paso Community College Admissions Office P.O. Box 20500, El Paso, Texas 79998
- Applicants must be fully accepted by EPCC as an academic credit student
- Must have successfully completed TSI Assessment Tests
- Attend a Health Careers Orientation Session or complete it online at http://www.epcc.edu/HCO/Pages/default.aspx
- Submit Specialized Admissions Application form and pay $10.00 fee.
- All academic and specialized courses listed on the degree plan must be completed with a “C” or better.
- EPCC Cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required
- “Effective Fall 2011, and based on new federal regulations, students are not allowed to repeat previously passed courses more than once.” Students should meet with a counselor to determine how a repeat course (s) may impact his/her academic, prerequisite, specialized Admissions or transferability of courses. It is the student’s responsibility to check with the Office of Student Financial Services to inquire how a repeat course (s) may impact their financial aid or veteran’s assistance.
The Texas State Legislature mandates that institutions assess all entering undergraduate students for readiness to enroll into college-level course work in the academic areas of Essay, Reading, Math, and Writing Assessment Tests, and to provide individualized developmental education programs to those students not demonstrating this readiness. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) requires the reporting of developmental progression and outcome of all students engaged in developmental education. Refer to EPCC Catalog or see your counselor for more information.

**Minimum required TSI Assessment scores for Dental Hygiene Program:**

- Math (PTSM), 350
- Reading (PTSR), 351
- Writing (PTSW), 363
- Essay (PTSE), 6

- Official TSI Assessment scores are valid for five years and only the most recent test score will be the one used for qualifying and ranking.
- Official TSI Assessment scores must contain all four (4) subject areas (Essay, Reading, Math, and Writing).
- Posting of TSI Assessment scores will take between 24 to 48 hours. TSI Assessment Tests must be completed at least 48 hours prior to ranking date.

**NOTE:** Minimum required TSI Assessment scores and/or Program Specific Criteria may be adjusted if a secondary ranking is necessary to fulfill enrollment requirements.

### MANDATORY COURSES: (2) COURSES

Mandatory courses are those courses that a student must have successfully completed prior to ranking. Applicants who do not satisfactorily complete mandatory course work will not qualify for eligibility to be ranked for a program.

- ▲ BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I
- ▲ BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II

For qualification ▲ All mandatory courses must be successfully completed with a minimum grade of “C” or better to qualify for ranking.

**Mandatory courses cannot be substituted**

### RANKING COURSES: (3) COURSES

Ranking courses are courses within the degree plan in which performance most reliably predicts future ability to perform successfully in the program. It is highly recommended that all ranking courses be completed prior to ranking to be competitive. Ranking Courses cannot be substituted.

- ▲ BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I
- ▲ BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II
- ▲ ENGL 1301 Expository English Composition

▲ Ranking Courses should be completed no later than Spring Semester to be eligible for Summer June 3, 2016 ranking.

### PROCESSING OF PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

It is highly recommended that the applicant complete the Pre-Program Specific Requirements at least three (3) weeks prior to the ranking date. The applicant must complete “Specialized Admissions” requirements for qualifying and ranking. There is a scheduled ranking date for this program. Normal processing may take a few days or a few weeks depending on document type and individual circumstances. If documents have been received, but not processed, then the student will be coded as ineligible for that ranking, because sufficient time was not given for validating and processing the information.
Applicants for Specialized Programs must also meet Pre-Program Specific Criteria prior to qualifying for ranking. The following is required of all applicants:

- **Immunizations and Titers** – The following must be completed.
  - POSITIVE TITER required for Hepatitis B vaccination series of 3 and Titer (can take 4-6 months to complete) if a student has started the Hepatitis B series by ranking deadline (June 7), he/she may be cleared for ranking or registration with the understanding that the series must be completed in a timely manner prior to starting clinical courses. Documentation of starting the series must be on file.
  - Tuberculosis Screening and/or testing (completed) (done annually), or chest x-rays and questionnaire (annual).
  - POSITIVE TITER required for each 2 doses - Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccinations (MMR) (completed) and Titer.
  - POSITIVE TITER required for each 2 doses- Varicella Vaccination and Titer (completed).
  - Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (Td) (completed).
  - Influenza is required (or completed declination form) (NOTE: If declined, will have to wear a mask in clinical) (done annually).
  - Meningitis or booster
    (Effective January 1, 2012, a Bacterial Meningitis is required for all entering students under the age of 22. The term “entering students” includes new students to EPCC, transfer students, and returning students. Students must provide proof of an initial meningitis immunization or booster to Admissions and Registration Department at any campus. The meningitis immunization must be administered at least 10 days before the start of the semester and must have been administered within the last five years). Visit Admission and Registration EPCC web page for additional information: (http://www.epcc.edu/Registration/Pages/default.aspx).

**NOTE:** If you have had the vaccination at an earlier date, you may start with a Titer, as the result will indicate if you need the vaccine. If you have not had the vaccination, after vaccination is administered, you must wait 4-6 weeks for immunity to show up on the TITER.
Check 2016-2017 El Paso Community College Catalog for Prerequisites

AAS DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES

FIRST YEAR
Prerequisite Semester
BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I
BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II
CHEM 1306 Health Science Chemistry I
CHEM 1106 Health Science Chemistry Laboratory I

First Semester
DHYG 1103 Preventive Dental Hygiene I
DHYG 1201 Orofacial Anatomy, Histology & Embryology
DHYG 1219 Dental Materials
DHYG 1239 General and Oral Pathology
DHYG 1304 Dental Radiology
DHYG 1431 Preclinical Dental Hygiene

Second Semester
BIOL 2420 Microorganism and Disease OR
BIOL 2421 General Microbiology
DHYG 1211 Periodontology
DHYG 1235 Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist
DHYG 1261 Clinical-Dental Hygiene/Hygienist I
DHYG 2201 Dental Hygiene Care I

Summer Session
DHYG 2161 Clinical-Dental Hygiene/Hygienist II
ENGL 1301 Expository English Composition

CONT. Summer Session
PSYC 2301 Introduction to Psychology OR
PSYC 2314 Human Growth and Development OR
PSYC 2319 Social Psychology

SECOND YEAR
First Semester
DHYG 1207 General and Dental Nutrition
DHYG 1215 Community Dentistry
DHYG 2231 Dental Hygiene Care II
DHYG 2262 Clinical-Dental Hygiene/Hygienist III
PHIL 2306 Ethics

Second Semester
DHYG 2102 Applied Community Dentistry
DHYG 2253 Dental Hygiene Practice
DHYG 2363 Clinical-Dental Hygiene/Hygienist IV
SOCI 1301 Introductory Sociology OR
SOCI 1306 Social Problems
SPCH 1315 Fundamentals of Effective Speech OR
SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication OR
SPCH 1321 Organizational and Professional Communication

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Official Ranking Date: June 3, 2016
- Program Begins - Fall Semester
- Maximum Students Admitted: 18 Students
- HIPAA online at http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx
- Health Careers Orientation online at http://www.epcc.edu/HCO/pages/default.aspx
- Online additional program-specific and career information http://www.epcc.edu/healthprogram
- Students who completed articulated or dual credit courses in health in high school should bring this to the attention of the counselor. College credit may still be available.

POST-SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS

Students are responsible for the following requirements AFTER accepting a seat in the program.

- Must file a degree plan with designated Health Counselor
- Background Check must be completed by each student prior to enrollment in clinical courses. The student will not be able to go to the clinical areas/health care facilities until cleared. For further information, please ask a Health Counselor or call the Program Coordinator. Website: http://www.elpasoex.com. You will receive a letter from the Dean, Health Career & Technical Education, Math & Science
Division after the background check is reviewed. ***NOTE: A background check must be repeated at student’s expense if the student is not enrolled in a health-related program for one or more semesters. ***

- **Community Wide Orientation** (Renewable every year) (on-line at [http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/](http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/)).
- **Current CPR Certification at the Professional Level** (must be from American Heart Association-Healthcare Provider ONLY). Must include AED. (Online CPR courses are not acceptable).
- **HIPAA TRAINING** (Renewable every year) (online at [http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx)).
- **Liability Insurance (Professional Practice Insurance)** is required for all clinical and selected laboratory courses. This is paid upon enrollment. Proof of payment (your registration receipt) must be provided to the instructor.
- **Physical Exam** (current) completed by a Physician, Nurse Practitioner or Physician’s Assistant licensed in the United States. ([http://www.epcc.edu/InstructionalPrograms/Documents/Report%20of%20Health%20Evaluation.pdf](http://www.epcc.edu/InstructionalPrograms/Documents/Report%20of%20Health%20Evaluation.pdf)).
- **Physical Technical Standards form** (completed).
- **Program Orientation.**
- **Specialized Equipment and/or Lab Supplies** must be purchased at student’s expense in accordance with course syllabi. Detailed information will be provided by the Program Coordinator.
- **Substance Abuse Screening** will be required for each student enrolling in health career programs with clinical components effective August 2007. For further information, please ask a Health Counselor or call the Program Coordinator. ***NOTE: Substance abuse screening may not be completed for more than three (3) months prior to the first clinical education course. *** Website: [http://www.elpasoex.com](http://www.elpasoex.com).
- **Uniforms, dental hygiene instrument kits, miscellaneous clinic supplies** must be purchased at student’s expense in accordance with course syllabi. Detailed information will be provided by the Program Coordinator.
- Transportation: Students are responsible for their own transportation to off-campus clinical/learning sites.
- Textbooks and other course materials must be purchased at student’s expense in accordance with course syllabi.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC MATERIAL SHOULD BE TURNED IN AS SOON AS COMPLETED TO: Elia M. Mendez, RDH, M.Ed., DHYG Program Coordinator, RG Campus, room A-226C - Telephone # (915) 831-4094.

Dental professionals do not discriminate against patients who present with infectious diseases (i.e., hepatitis, HIV, herpes, etc.). Health professional use Standard Precautions to safeguard themselves and others from contracting diseases, whether infectious or non-infectious. Dental Hygiene students are taught to adhere to strict safety protocols.

- CPR and First Aid Courses are available through the EPCC Continuing Education Division. Please see the current Continuing Education Course Schedule or call 915-831-4116 for more information.
- Immunizations, physical examinations, and other health care services are available through the El Paso Community College Rio Grande Border Health Clinic located at the Rio Grande Campus.
- Call 915-831-4016 for appointments for the nursing clinic (immunizations and physical examinations).
- Call 915-831-4017 for appointments for the dental, medical sonography, or physical therapy clinics.

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