

Dental Hygiene Program

Application Deadline: January 12

Thank you for your interest in Westmoreland County Community College's Dental Hygiene program. This program has additional requirements beyond the Application for Admission to the college. Use the checklist below to ensure that you complete all of the requirements to apply to the program.

- Age Requirement for health professions is to be 18 by June 1st of the year the application is due
- Become a Westmoreland student by applying at <https://apply.westmoreland.edu/>
- Submit an official transcript from your high school (or proof of GED) and from any other colleges attended. A final official transcript must be sent after graduation (high school), if accepted.
- Schedule your placement assessment at https://westmoreland.edu/admissions_aid/apply/placement-assessment-educational-planning.html
- Pay for, complete, and submit the National League of Nursing Entrance Exam (NLN-NEX) to Westmoreland County Community College before the application deadline. The exam assesses your ability to meet the demands of the Dental Hygiene Program and assesses your skills in math, English, reading, language, and science. You will be evaluated based on the highest of up to two exam attempts submitted to the college per year. There is a required 30-day wait between attempts.
- Complete any developmental courses in which you are assessed.

Developmental courses do not count in your Westmoreland GPA.

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| ALEKS score of 14 or higher* | If not successful, completion through MTH 050 |
| HS GPA of 2.5 or higher* | If not successful, completion through ENG 095 |

- Complete the following courses with a grade of "C" or better by the Program's application deadline of January 12. Only credit courses taken at Westmoreland are considered when calculating GPA.

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| High School Biology with Lab | If no High School Biology with Lab, BIO 107 |
| High School Chemistry with Lab | If no High School Chemistry with Lab, CHM 107; AND If ALEKS <30, completion through MTH 052 |
| If transferring from another institution, proof of completion of MTH 050 equivalent or higher Math | |

- If you have 15 college-level credits with Westmoreland, attain a minimum GPA of 2.5 by the Program's application deadline of January 12
- If you have less than 15 college-level credits with Westmoreland, attain one of the following by the Program's application deadline of January 12:
 - a minimum 2.5 GPA for a student who has earned 15 or more college-level credits at other post-secondary institutions (this GPA will be a composite score representing all institutions attended)
 - a minimum 3.0 GPA from secondary school (high school). If accepted prior to high school graduation, your admission will be contingent on having a minimum 3.0 GPA on your final transcript after graduation.
 - a minimum of 165 on the GED or a minimum of 15 on each subtest of HiSET.

- Complete and Submit the Health Professions Program Application.
<https://w3cadmin.wufoo.com/forms/health-professionals-program-application/>

- Complete the following courses with a C or better before you can begin the program

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| BIO 171 | | CHM 155, 107, 264, or HS Chemistry and ENG 095 or Placement |
| CHM 225 | | CHM 155, 107, or HS Chemistry |
| SOC 155 | | |
| PSY 160 | | |

- Obtain a Westmoreland County Community College student photo ID card
- After prereqs, grades, and NEX scores are submitted, a selective interview process will be conducted. If you qualify for an interview, you will be notified through your Westmoreland email account.
- The Dental Hygiene program is highly competitive. Additional coursework completed prior to program entry will be considered in the admissions process and may strengthen your application.

Be sure to check the college catalog for additional information.

*or equivalent placement score on other placement exams such as ACT or SAT

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Additional Courses

The following courses may be completed before entering the program. In order to count for the program, you must get a C or better in each of these courses. Please check the catalog to see when these courses must be completed once in the program.

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| BIO 172 | | BIO 171 |
| BIO 265 | | BIO 155, or BIO 171 and CHM 107, CHM 155, CHM 264, or HS Chemistry and ENG 095 or Placement |
| BUS 120 | | MTH 050 or Placement |
| CPT 150 | | |
| ENG 161 | | ENG 085 or Placement |
| ENG 163 | | ENG 161 |
| SPC 156 | | |