

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS

Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene

Students should anticipate additional semester and/or annual expenses during program enrollment.

All costs are approximate and subject to change.

Expense	Approximate Cost	Approximate Due Date Semester/Month (Year in Program)
Health/Physical Screenings	\$50	Fall/August (1st year)
Background Check/Drug Screening	\$99	Fall/August (1st year and 2nd)
Clinical Instrument Kit and supplies	\$1,000 (approximate; subject to annual increase)	Fall/August (1st year)
Laptop	Varies	Fall/August (1st year)
Clinical Supplies	\$2,500 (approximate; subject to annual increase)	Fall/August (1st year)
Uniforms: White Lab Coat Six Sets of Scrubs	\$420	Fall/August (1st year)
Clinic Shoes	\$65-\$75	Fall/August (1st year)
GDHA Dues	\$10 for two years	Fall/August (1st year)
ADHA Dues	\$150 for two years	Fall/August (1st year)
CPR Certification	\$65	Fall/August (1st year)
Dental Loupes	\$1,000-\$2,000	Spring/April (1st year)
National Board Dental Hygiene Examination	\$600	Spring/January (2nd year)
CRDTS Clinical Board and Site Fees	\$1,300	Spring/January (2nd year)

SCREENINGS

All WGTC Dental Hygiene Program students must submit to initial and continuing drug testing at specified intervals, for cause, or at random. Should the student refuse to abide by agency/ WGTC policy he/she will be administratively withdrawn from the course and may be denied readmission to the same or any other Health Science program.

No alcoholic beverages or drugs which may cause cognitive impairment will be consumed during preclinic or clinic or up to 12 hours prior to scheduled sessions. Any evidence of alcohol or drug use while in the dental clinic or evidence of impairment due to drugs/alcohol prior to starting the preclinical or clinical assignment will result in sending the student for a drug test for cause and if positive, immediate suspension. The impaired student will only be allowed to leave with a designated driver.

All Health Science students must have submitted the initial and yearly background and check. Should a legal incident occur in which the student is involved, the student has 48 hours to disclose the incident to the program director, course coordinator, or Dean of Health Sciences in the absence of the instructor or program director. If a student has a criminal history, it is the responsibility of the student to contact the board of dental examiners in the state(s) where the student plans to apply for licensure to discuss the criminal charges or convictions. State dental boards may deny license applications for any felony convictions, misdemeanor convictions, or even arrests.

Drug and alcohol testing and background screening policies, including the appeal of program dismissal based on background screening, drug testing results, or other circumstances, located in the college catalog will be followed.

SCHEDULE

- Flexibility in schedule is essential; as the Department of Dental Hygiene does not guarantee specific days or times for classes nor placement in preferred clinical sites.
- Schedule varies each semester but typically requires attendance four days per week and commitment to attend classes Monday through Thursday, 7:30am–5:30pm with some Fridays. Advance notification given.
- Plan work around school, not vice-versa; a full-time work load along with family responsibilities is difficult to manage and is never recommended.
- Incorporate substantial study time into your schedule, and plan to spend approximately five (5) hours per week on coursework.

CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Appropriate behavior, dress, and equipment are required in the West Georgia Technical College Dental Hygiene Clinic and at all external clinical sites.
- Students are responsible for arranging reliable transportation to and from clinical sites located within a 60-mile radius of campus.
- Attendance is mandatory for all clinical assignments in the West Georgia Technical College Dental Hygiene Clinic and at all external sites.

LICENSURE

- A valid Social Security number is required to obtain professional licensure.