



El Paso Community College Dental Hygiene Program
Dental Hygiene Observation & Essay Assignment
Ranking Pre-Requisite

Thank you for your interest in El Paso Community College's Dental Hygiene Program, we are excited for your consideration for Dental Hygiene as your future profession!

ASSIGNMENT PURPOSE: *Provide an initial exposure and reflection regarding the dental hygiene profession by observing a registered dental hygienist for a minimum of eight (8) hours.*

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Contact a licensed registered dental hygienist(s) of your choice to schedule a time to observe.
- Observe for a minimum of eight (8) hours.
- Observations may be with multiple hygienists.
- Observations may be conducted in multiple sessions.
- Observations may be conducted in a different state (as long as the dental hygienist is actively licensed in that state).
- Observations may NOT be completed with a dentist, dental assistant, or practice manager.
- If you are currently a working Dental Assistant, observations must be conducted outside of your working hours.

SUBMISSION:

- This Dental Hygiene Observation/Essay Assignment is only valid per each annual ranking cycle.
- Observation dates MUST fall within the **CURRENT** ranking cycle dates.
- If you ranked previously, you must complete the observation and essay assignment again.
- Only ONE submission per candidate.
- This assignment MUST be completed one (1) week before the assigned ranking date.
- **If this assignment is NOT completed or submitted by the deadline, the application will NOT be considered for ranking.**

PART 1 – OBSERVATION: *Take notes of your observations and ask questions!*

Student Name: _____

Dental Hygienist Name: _____ State & License #: _____

Dental Hygienist Contact Info (# and/or Email): _____

Upon completion of each observation session, have the hygienist fill out and sign the box below.

DATE	# HOURS	RDH SIGNATURE	RDH COMMENTS:
			<i>Examples, comment on eagerness to learn, professionalism, punctuality, communication, patient engagement, etc.</i>



PART 2 – ONLINE ESSAY PROMPTS (WITH OBSERVATION HOURS SUBMISSION):

Visit this online application form for the instructions for the
Essay prompts and Observation Hours Submission:

Scan this QR code



To submit your observation hours, scan or take a picture of Part 1 (table on page 1) of your name, total hours, dental hygienist's information, signature, and comments.

This online application will provide you with the assigned essay prompts for submission.

Be in contact with our EPCC Dental Hygiene lead counselor, Mrs. Marshall:

Email: gibarra@epcc.edu

Phone: 915-831-4040

Ultimately, she is the person that will submit your final ranking application for the Dental Hygiene Program.

*For any questions or concerns regarding the Observation/Essay assignment, please contact Mrs. Villapana –
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*For any questions or concerns regarding the Dental Hygiene program, please contact Ms. Mendez, the Program
Director –
echaco20@epcc.edu*

BEST OF LUCK!