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**HEALTH CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, MATH & SCIENCE  
Specialized Admissions Program Information Guide**

**For  
DENTAL HYGIENE  
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS-DHYG)  
2021-2022 Catalog**

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**PROGRAM MAP**

Program Map provides additional information regarding salary projections, employment opportunities, licensure requirements and Educational milestones. **WEB LINK:** <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Catalog/program-map?programID=320>

Students qualifying for Specialized Admissions must satisfy all of the following: General Requirements, minimum set TSIA 2 Scores, Mandatory courses, and Pre-Program Specifics. Once all requirements are completed, ranking points are derived from the most recent TSIA 2 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:**

- Prior to ranking, **the student must** submit all previous college/university official transcripts (transliteration of all foreign coursework required).
- Student 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**
- Student must:
  1. **Be approved to take credit academic courses by EPCC**
  2. **Have successfully completed TSIA 2 Assessment Tests.**
  3. **Attend a Health Careers Orientation Session or complete it online at:** <https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/Orientation/community-wide-orientation>
  4. **Submit Specialized Admissions Application form and pay \$ 10.00 fee.**
  5. **A grade of a "C" or better is required for all academic and specialized courses listed under the degree plan.**
- **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) would 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) would impact their financial aid or veteran's assistance.

## TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSIA 2) ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2.0 “**TSIA 2**”, a redesign of the original Texas Success Initiative Assessment “**TSIA 1**”, is part of the Texas Success Initiative enacted by the Texas State Legislature and was designed to assess test takers’ readiness for college-level coursework in the general areas of English language arts and reading (ELAR) and mathematics. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) requires the reporting of developmental progression and outcome of all students engaged in developmental education. After January 11, 2021, all new degree-seeking students are required to take the Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2.0 (TSIA 2). Refer to EPCC Catalog or see your counselor for more information.

### TSIA 2 MINIMUM REQUIRED ASSESSMENT SCORES FOR DHYG

▯ Math CRC 950 or higher,      ▯ (ELAR) 950 or better      ▯ Essay 6

- **TSIA 2 Official Assessment scores are valid for two (2) years with the highest test score used for qualifying and ranking.**
- **Posting of TSIA 2 Assessment scores will take between 24 to 48 hours. Assessment tests have to be completed at least 48 hours prior to ranking date.**

### MANDATORY COURSES (3)

**A student must successfully complete mandatory courses prior to ranking. Applicants who do not satisfactorily complete mandatory course work will not qualify for ranking into this program.**

- ▲ BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I (Lecture + Lab)
- ▲ BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II (Lecture + Lab)
- ▲ ENGL 1301 Composition I

**\*\*\* NOTE: BIOL 1306 and BIOL 1106 are pre-requisites for BIOL 2401 and 2402. Students can complete prerequisites by taking these courses or by taking a Biology placement exam prior to ranking**

- ▲ **To qualify for ranking, all mandatory courses must be completed with a minimum of grade “C” or better. Mandatory courses cannot be substituted.**

### RANKING COURSES (3)

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

- ▲ BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I (Lecture + Lab)
- ▲ BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II (Lecture + Lab)
- ▲ ENGL 1301 Composition I

**\*\*\* NOTE: BIOL 1306 and BIOL 1106 are pre-requisites for BIOL 2401 and 2402. Students can complete prerequisites by taking these courses or by taking a Biology placement exam prior to ranking.**

- ▲ **Ranking Courses must be completed no later than Fall Semester to be eligible for March 3, 2021 ranking.**

### PROCESSING OF PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

**It is highly recommended that the applicant completes 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.**

## PRE PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for Specialized Programs must also meet Pre-Program Specific Requirements 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 three and Titer** (can take 4-6 months to complete). If a student has started the Hepatitis B series by **(March 3)** ranking deadline, he/she may be clear for ranking or registration with the understanding that the series have to be completed in a timely manner prior to starting clinical courses. Documentation of starting the series must be on file.
- **NOTE: Tuberculosis vaccination. IS POST ACCEPTANCE**
- **NOTE: It is highly recommended to complete all TB skin testing prior to receiving the MMR and/or Varicella vaccines. MMR or Varicella vaccines could cause a false negative TB skin test result. Individuals who previously tested negative, have never tested, or are not sure if previously tested.**
- **POSITIVE TITER required for each two doses - Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccinations (MMR) (completed) and Titer.**
- **POSITIVE TITER required for each two doses - Varicella Vaccination and Titer (completed).**
- **Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (TDAP) vaccine (completed, expires after 10 years).**
- **Meningitis or Booster** – (Effective January 1, 2012, a Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination 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 the 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).

➤ **Program Orientation** - two weeks after acceptance letters are returned.

**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 and after vaccination is applied, you must wait 4-6 weeks for immunity to show up on the TITER.**

Visit Admission and Registration EPCC web page for additional information. **Website:** <https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/immunization-law>

A tracking system, COMPLIO, will assist students and coordinators alike to be compliant with immunizations, CPR, First Aid, physical, etc. All students participating in health programs must be part of the American Databank, in order to keep their clinical data in compliance and updated.

The Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (CODA), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education. 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1900, Chicago, ILL 60611-2978, phone: (800) 621-8099 or (312) 440-2940, fax, (312) 587-5107. Email: <http://www.ada.org/en/coda>. Program Medical Advisor: Dr. Kelly Brooks.

## DHYG AAS DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES

In order to complete the requirements for progression and graduation, students enrolled in this program must have a grade of “C” or better in all specialized courses. The term “specialized courses” refers to all courses carrying the prefix of the program in which the student is majoring or the prefix of another health-related discipline.

### Check 2021-2022 El Paso Community College Catalog for Prerequisites

#### Prerequisite Semester

BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I (Lecture + Lab) (C) (MNS) **Prerequisite:** Placement at college-level English Language Arts Reading by TSIA 2 or equivalent, OR completion with a “C” or better or concurrent enrollment in the following: INRW 0311 or INRW 0312 or ESOL 0340, and BIOL 1306 and 1106 with a “C” or better or Biology CLEP exam.

BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II (Lecture + Lab) (C) (MNS) **Prerequisite:** Placement at college-level English Language Arts Reading by TSIA 2 or equivalent, OR completion with a “C” or better or concurrent enrollment in the following: INRW 0311 or INRW 0312 or ESOL 0340, and BIOL 1306 and 1106 with a “C” or better or Biology CLEP exam.

CHEM 1306 Introductory Chemistry I (Lecture, Allied Health Emphasis) (C) (MNS) **Prerequisite:** Placement at college-level English Language Arts Reading by TSIA 2 or equivalent; OR completion “C” or better or concurrent enrollment in the following: INRW 0311 or INRW 0312 or ESOL 0340. **Co:** CHEM 1106.

CHEM 1106 Introductory Chemistry I (Lab, Allied Health Emphasis) **Co:** CHEM 1306.

DHYG 1103 Preventive Dental Hygiene I **Co:** BIO 2401 and BIOL 2402 and CHEM 1306 and 1106.

**NOTE: DHYG 1103 will be taken ONCE officially accepted into the program, before the First year/First semester courses start.**

## First Semester

- DHYG 1239 General and Oral Pathology **Prerequisite:** BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 and CHEM 1306 and 1106 and DHYG 1103.  
**Co:** DHYG 1301 and DHYG 1304 and DHYG 1431.
- DHYG 1301 Orofacial Anatomy, Histology & Embryology **Prerequisite:** BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 and CHEM 1306 and 1106 and DHYG 1103.  
**Co:** DHYG 1239 and DHYG 1304 and DHYG 1431.
- DHYG 1304 Dental Radiology **Prerequisite:** BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 and CHEM 1306 and 1106 and DHYG 1103.  
**Co:** DHYG 1239 and DHYG 1301 and DHYG 1304 and DHYG 1431.
- DHYG 1431 Preclinical Dental Hygiene **Prerequisite:** BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 and CHEM 1306 and 1106 and DHYG 1103.  
**Co:** DHYG 1239 and DHYG 1301 and DHYG 1304.

## Second Semester

- BIOL 2420 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors (Lecture + Lab) **or** **Prerequisite:** BIOL 1306 and 1106 with a "C" or better or Biology CLEP exam.
- BIOL 2421 Microbiology for Science Majors (Lecture + Lab) **Prerequisite:** BIOL 1306 and 1106 with a "C" or better or Biology CLEP exam; and CHEM 1311 and 1111 with a "C" or better or Chemistry CLEP exam.
- DHYG 1219 Dental Materials **Prerequisite:** DHYG 1239 and DHYG 1301 and DHYG 1304 and DHYG 1431.  
**Co:** DHYG 1235 and DHYG 1261 and DHYG 1311 and DHYG 2201.
- DHYG 1235 Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist **Prerequisite:** DHYG 1239 and DHYG 1301 and DHYG 1304 and DHYG 1431.  
**Co:** DHYG 1219 and DHYG 1261 and DHYG 1311 and DHYG 2201.
- DHYG 1261 Clinical-Dental Hygiene/Hygienist I **Prerequisite:** DHYG 1239 and DHYG 1301 and DHYG 1304 and DHYG 1431.  
**Co:** DHYG 1219 and DHYG 1235 and DHYG 1311 and DHYG 2201.
- DHYG 1311 Periodontology **Prerequisite:** DHYG 1239 and DHYG 1301 and DHYG 1304 and DHYG 1431.  
**Co:** DHYG 1219 and DHYG 1235 and DHYG 1261 and DHYG 2201.
- DHYG 2201 Dental Hygiene Care I **Prerequisite:** DHYG 1239 and DHYG 1301 and DHYG 1304 and DHYG 1431.  
**Co:** DHYG 1219 and DHYG 1235 and DHYG 1261 and DHYG 1311.

## Third Semester

- DHYG 2161 Clinical-Dental Hygiene/Hygienist II **Prerequisite:** BIOL 2420 or BIOL 2421 and DHYG 1219 and DHYG 1235 and DHYG 1261 and DHYG 1311 and DHYG 2201.  
**Co:** ENGL 1301.
- ENGL 1301 Composition I (C) (HFA) **Prerequisite:** Placement at college-level English Language Arts Reading by TSIA 2 or equivalent; OR completion of INRW 0311 or INRW 0212 or ESOL 0341 with a "C" or better; OR concurrent enrollment in INRW 0311.
- PSYC 2301 General Psychology (C) (SBS) **or** **Prerequisite:** Placement at college-level English Language Arts Reading by TSIA 2 or equivalent; OR completion with a "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in the following: INRW 0311 or INRW 0312 or ESOL 0340.
- PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development(C) (SBS) **Prerequisite:** Placement at college-level English Language Arts Reading by TSIA 2 or equivalent; OR completion with a "C" or better concurrent enrollment in the following: INRW 0311 or INRW 0312 or ESOL 0340.

## Fourth Semester

- DHYG 1207 General and Dental Nutrition **Prerequisite:** DHYG 2161 and ENGL 1301 and PSYC 2301 or PSYC 2314.  
**Co:** DHYG 1215 and DHYG 2231 and DHYG 2362 and SPCH 1315 or SPCH 1318 or SPCH 1321.
- DHYG 1215 Community Dentistry **Prerequisite:** DHYG 2161 and ENGL 1301 and PSYC 2301 or PSYC 2314.  
**Co:** DHYG 1207 and DHYG 2231 and DHYG 2362 and SPCH 1315 or SPCH 1318 or SPCH 1321.
- DHYG 2231 Dental Hygiene Care II **Prerequisite:** DHYG 2161 and ENGL 1301 and PSYC 2301 or PSYC 2314.  
**Co:** DHYG 1207 and DHYG 1215 and DHYG 2362 and SPCH 1315 or SPCH 1318 or SPCH 1321.
- DHYG 2362 Clinical-Dental Hygiene/Hygienist III **Prerequisite:** DHYG 2161 and ENGL 1301 and PSYC 2301 or PSYC 2314.  
**Co:** DHYG 1207 and DHYG 1215 and DHYG 2231.
- Speech Communication Elective<sup>1</sup>

## Fifth Semester

- DHYG 2102 Applied Community Dentistry **Prerequisite:** DHYG 1207 and DHYG 1215 and DHYG 2231 and DHYG 2362 and SPCH 1315 or SPCH 1318 or SPCH 1321.  
**Co:** DHYG 2253 and DHYG 2363 and SOCI 1301 or SOCI 1306.
- DHYG 2253 Dental Hygiene Practice **Prerequisite:** DHYG 1207 and DHYG 1215 and DHYG 2231 and DHYG 2362.  
**Co:** DHYG 2102 and DHYG 2363 and SOCI 1301 or SOCI 1306.
- DHYG 2363 Clinical-Dental Hygiene/Hygienist IV **Prerequisite:** DHYG 1207 and DHYG 1215 and DHYG 2231 and DHYG 2362 and SPCH 1318 or SPCH 1318 or SPCH 1321.  
**Co:** DHYG 2102 and DHYG 2253 and SOCI 1301 or SOCI 1306.
- SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology (C) **or** **Prerequisite:** Placement at college-level English Language Arts Reading by TSIA 2 or equivalent; OR completion with a "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in the following: INRW 0311 or INRW 0312 or ESOL 0340.
- SOCI 1306 Social Problems **Prerequisite:** Placement at college-level English Language Arts Reading by TSIA 2 or equivalent; OR completion with a "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in the following: INRW 0311 or INRW 0312 or ESOL 0340.

<sup>1</sup>Speech Communication Elective: Complete one course from SPCH 1315, 1318, or 1321

Following completion of the Associate of Applied Science Degree, a multi-disciplinary Enhanced Skills Certificate of Completion in Border Health Issues is available. This program prepares graduates to work as members of a multi-disciplinary team to meet the unique health care needs of the U.S./Mexico border community.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Official Ranking Date: **March 3, 2021.**
- Program Begins-**Summer Session I.**
- Maximum Students Admitted: **16 Students.**
- Community Wide Orientation online at: <https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/Orientation/community-wide-orientation>
- HIPAA online at: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/hipaa>
- Health Careers Orientation online at: <https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/Orientation/health-careers-orientation>
- Online additional program-specific and career information: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health>
- 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.
- DHYG website: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/dental-hygiene>

## POST-ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS

**Students are responsible for the following requirements AFTER accepting a seat in the Program:**

- Must file a degree plan with the designated Health Counselor.
- **Background Check-** Each student must complete a background check prior to enrolling in clinical courses. Background checks are required prior to acceptance into most health programs or courses. Students are responsible for the costs. Currently, the approved vendor for El Paso Community College is American Databank: <http://www.elpasoex.com/>. Only background checks from American Databank are accepted. **You will receive a letter from the Dean of Health Career and Technical Education, Math & Science division to inform you of the status of your background check. The student will not be able to go to the clinical areas/health care facilities until cleared.**  
**\*\*\*NOTE:** If a student has not enrolled in a health-related program for one or more semesters, the student must redo the background check at his/her own expense, for further information, please ask a Health Counselor or call the Program Coordinator

There are two Levels of background checks: **Level I** apply to all students, and includes: (1) Social Security Number Verification. (2) Criminal Search 7 years minimum or up to five criminal searches. (3) Violent Sexual Offender and Predator Registry Search. (4) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) list of Excluded Individuals/Entities. (5) GSA List of Parties Excluded from Federal Programs. (6) U.S. Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), List of Specially Designated Nationals (SDN), and (7) State Exclusion List.

**Level II** is for students already licensed or certified in any area. **Level II** requires all of the **Level I** elements plus (1) License Verification, (2) Certification Verification, and (3) Employment Verification, including reason for separation and eligibility for re-hire.

A positive criminal history will require proof of the official case disposition for clearance. Generally: Disqualifying criminal offenses include, but are not limited to any felony conviction within the last 10 years or two; or more misdemeanors in crimes against persons, or families, such as homicide, kidnapping, rape, sexual assault, assault, battery, aggravated robbery, theft. Any misdemeanor or felony conviction involving abuse, neglect, or exploitation against a child, vulnerable adult or disabled individual. Felonies or two misdemeanors involving manufacture, importation, delivery, or possession of controlled substances, including felony conviction of DWI or two misdemeanor DWI convictions. Deferred adjudication for any felony is also a disqualifying event for enrolling into any of the Health Programs.

**Please note** that many professional licensure or certification agencies may have additional requirements. You should reference the requirements for each agency.

- **Tuberculosis vaccination.** The following must be completed:

### **Tuberculosis (TB).**

1. **Individuals who previously tested negative, have never tested, or are not sure if previously tested.**
  - a. Initial 2 Step TB Skin Test (effective January 1, 2018, for all students/faculty new to health programs).
    - i. Initial TB skin test (TST) administered and read 48-72 hours later.
    - ii. If initial TB skin test is negative, the second TST must be administered no sooner than 7 days and no later than 21 days after administration of the initial TST.
    - iii. If initial TST is positive, DO NOT ADMINISTER the second TST. Individual needs Chest X-ray and annual TB Assessment/Clearance (or equivalent document) from Health Care Provider.
  2. **TB Skin Test Positive** (previously). Requires completed Annual TB Assessment/Clearance form.
- **CPR** - American Heart Association (AHA) CPR/BLS (only Health Provider training accepted) card from (AHA). Military Training Network (AHA recognized) cards will be accepted. Hybrid AHA courses with live skills demonstration will be accepted. CPR card must remain current throughout the course of the program (Certification may not be older than two (2) years).
- **FLU Vaccine – Must be taken no later than in the month of November**

- **HIPAA Training** - Conducted online: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/hipaa> (must be renewed every year).
- **Physical Exam (current)** completed by a Physician, Nurse Practitioner or Physician's Assistant licensed in the United States (No older than two years). **Website:** <https://www.epcc.edu/Administration/InstitutionalEffectiveness/PoliciesandProcedures/7.01.03.10.pdf#page=7>
- **Physical Technical Standards Form** (completed). <https://www.epcc.edu/Administration/InstitutionalEffectiveness/PoliciesandProcedures/FB-8.pdf>
- **Professional Practice Insurance** is required for all clinical and selected laboratory courses. This fee is paid during the time of enrollment. Instructor may ask for proof of payment (your registration receipt) on the first day of class.
- **Specialized Equipment and/or Lab Supplies-** In accordance with course syllabi; students must purchase their own supplies. The program coordinator will provide students with detailed information.
- **Substance Abuse Screening** will be required for each student enrolling in health career programs with clinical components. For further information, please ask a Health Counselor or call the program coordinator. **\*\*\*NOTE: Students must re-take and pay for substance abuse test if test was taken three months prior to the first clinical education course. Website: <http://www.elpasoex.com/>**
- **Uniforms, dental hygiene instrument kits, miscellaneous clinic supplies** In accordance with course syllabi; students must purchase their own uniforms and instrument kits. The program coordinator will provide students with detailed information.
- **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.

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

## OTHER INFORMATION

- 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.
- Our EPCC Rio Grande Border Health Clinic is located at the Rio Grande Campus. Students can obtain their Immunizations, physical examinations, and other health care services if they so desire. Call Border Health Clinic at: 915- 831-4016 for nursing clinic appointments (immunizations and physical examinations). Call 915-831-4017 for appointments for the dental, medical sonography, or physical therapy clinics.

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