



ESSENTIAL CURRICULUM COMPONENTS AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS
Dental Hygiene Program
PHYSICAL CRITERIA

The Essential Qualifications to be acquired, demonstrated, and needed for successful continuance by a student in the Dental Hygiene Program at Bellingham Technical College include, but are not limited to the following:

- Communicate satisfactorily with patients, physicians, peers, family members, and the health care team.
- See and hear adequately to note slight changes in the patient's condition.
- Hear adequately to perceive and interpret various equipment signals
- Demonstrate adequate eye/hand coordination for dexterity in manipulation of hand instruments and other equipment used in clinical practice.
- Use hands for fine manipulation.
- Manage the care of a patient in a sudden emergency, including one-man CPR when necessary.
- Possess the visual acuity to correctly read handwritten orders, medication records, and chart contents and to provide safety for patients.
- Read, comprehend and apply knowledge from complex science and dental science texts.
- Use critical thinking skills by identifying cause and effect relationships in clinical situations and having the ability to synthesize data.

Despite the aforementioned, a qualified person with a disability who can perform these essential functions with reasonable accommodation will be considered for admission along with other qualified applicants.