



Northampton Community College
Dental Hygiene Program

Career Assessment Form (CAF) for Fall 2021 Acceptance Decisions

Applicant Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **NCC Student ID Number:** _____

Following directions, spelling and grammar will be assessed, as will the quality of the answers given. Thank you.

Written Questions: Please use word processing software to answer the questions below and upload the document to your Admissions application portal. **NOTE: This document can be uploaded one time only. Once uploaded to your Admissions application portal, it can't be replaced with another.**

1. A. Discovery: HOW did you hear about the Dental Hygiene Program at Northampton Community College?

1. B. Personal Statement: WHY are you interested in obtaining a Dental Hygiene degree? What experiences have inspired you and/or what motivates you specifically to pursue a career in Dental Hygiene rather than another healthcare profession?

1. C. Describe a typical workday or "day in the life" of a dental hygienist.

1. D. Click on the link: https://www.adha.org/resources-docs/714112_DHiCW_Roles_Dental_Hygienist.pdf
Which ONE of the roles of the dental hygienist is most appealing and WHY?

2. You will need to be able to function professionally in a clinical environment. You will be working in a patient's oral cavity (mouth), where there will be plaque deposits on the teeth, germs, bleeding gums and saliva. You will need to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) to decrease your risk to bloodborne and airborne disease transmission and will be given guidance to protect your body ergonomically. How do you feel about working in this type of environment? What could you do to overcome any possible objection or aversion?

3. A. Think of someone in your life that is successful or a positive role model. What characteristics do you admire in this person?

3. B. Respecting that we are all a "work in progress", are there any areas about yourself you would like to improve upon, and if so, is there a projected plan?

4. A. Discuss how you plan to make your learning a top priority.

4. B. What plans will you have in place to address the personal, financial and family responsibilities that will be affected during the 24- month duration of the program and in preparing to take the board examinations for licensing?

4. C. Have you ever been overloaded with work? If you have a great deal of work to accomplish in a short period of time, how would you handle the situation? How do you keep track of work so it gets done on time?
4. D. Some people work best in a group, while others prefer to work individually. Under what conditions do you work best? Give an example where you felt you were most effective.
5. A. Explain how your personal attributes and professional behaviors will assist you in your role as a dental hygiene STUDENT.
5. B. Describe the qualities and professional characteristics you would expect a dental hygienist to possess. Explain the qualities/characteristics that you would bring to your role as an EMPLOYED DENTAL HYGIENIST and/or to the PROFESSION.
6. Which types of hands-on “computer skills” do you currently have? (i.e., computer programs/software, tablet, laptop, desktop, etc.)
7. A. Describe a situation when you had to deal with a disappointment.
7. B. Please describe a situation in which you had to exercise a significant amount of self-control.
7. C. Our program can be very stressful at times. Please give an example of how you react when faced with constant time pressure OR how you handle stressful situations.
8. A. Explain your opinion on volunteerism. When was the last opportunity you had to volunteer for something?
8. B. What influence did you have AND how did participating impact you?
9. Describe yourself in terms of the following: a) flexibility, b) adaptability, c) critical thinking, d) problem-solving e) confrontation, f) ethics and professionalism.
10. A. What is one of your personal accomplishments of which you are particularly proud? It may have been (in)formally recognized by others OR recognized by you as you self-reflect.
10. B. What is ONE thing you would like the committee to know about you that has not been addressed in the previous questions?
10. C. When the Admission’s selection committee has to fill the last seat in the class and your file and grades are equivalent to another candidate’s file and grades, tell us why the committee should select YOU as our student.