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Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc.

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc. and Dental Hygiene program at our 28 Vanley Crescent location.

This is the information package for our Dental Hygiene program. Please reach out to our Admissions Department to info@toronto-college-dental.org or call us at 416-423-3099 to receive the Application.

Currently there is a promotion where the Entrance Exam is FREE!

At the Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc. our goal is to put your needs and your career success first.

Whether you are applying from within the city, the province, Canada or internationally, our friendly admission staff will assist and guide you throughout the entire admission process.

We look forward to speaking with you in the near future about attending the Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc.

If you require further information or assistance, please visit our webpage at http://www.toronto-college-dental.org or to speak with us directly, please contact us at (416) 423-3099 or toll free at 1-866-923-3099.

Sincerely,

The Admissions Department
Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc.

College Information

The Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc. is located at 28 Vanley Crescent, Toronto. TCDHA features three state-of-the-art dental clinics, equipped with modern dental operatories and X-ray machines to support clinical education and patient care. The clinics also include dedicated support areas, such as reprocessing rooms and dispensaries. There are panoramic intra oral and extra oral imaging units to support additional radiographic services and learning opportunities. The facility has classrooms, pre-clinic labs, a computer lab, and spacious student lounge areas.

Regulatory Approvals

Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc. is registered as a Career College under the Ontario Career Colleges Act, 2005.

The TCDHA Dental Hygiene program is approved as a vocational program under the Ontario Career Colleges Act, 2005.

The TCDHA Dental Hygiene program offered at 28 Vanley Crescent location is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC).

Program Delivery Method

The Dental Hygiene Program offered at TCDHA is approved for Hybrid Online Synchronous learning. All didactic courses are delivered virtually online-synchronous. This means students will be live with their instructor in real time. Classes are not pre-recorded. Students who do not attend class, will be marked as absent. All Clinics/Labs are taught in-person onsite.

Students are responsible for ensuring they meet the technological requirements to participate in the program which will be provided to all students in the Enrolment Contract, Hybrid Learning and Technology Manual, and Policy and Procedure Manual. This will include a working and up to date laptop, printer, scanner, photocopier, and high-speed internet connection.

Student Support Services

The following support services are available to students participating in the Hybrid Dental Hygiene program:

- **Financial Aid Officer (FAO):** Available Virtually or In-Person

FAO's are available to assist students virtually or in-person with questions regarding Student Aid.

- **Counsellor:** Available Virtually

The Counsellor is available to provide brief counselling to students free of charge.

- **Tech Support Services:** Available Virtually or In-Person

IT is available during TCDHA hours including weekends (when clinics are running). IT supports students with the use of all TCDHA software and technical requirements.

IT will also assist with training students on the software and programs used at TCDHA.

- **Librarian:** Available Virtually

The TCDHA Librarian is available to assist students with the use of Library resources such as EBSCO, accessing documents, research, guidance on referencing and all library needs!

- **Student Success Coordinator:** Available Virtually or In-Person

All students are able to book a meeting with the Student Success Coordinator through the Student Portal EduLink. The Student Success Coordinator is available to assist students with study tips, details on their timetable/schedule, use of all software at TCDHA, review of tests/quizzes, grade inquires, attendance and can provide direction on who to contact. Student Success will also assist with training on the software and programs used at TCDHA.

- **1st and 2nd year Educational Coordinators:** Available Virtually or In-Person

The 1st Year Educational Coordinator (semester 1 and semester 2) and 2nd Year Educational Coordinator (semester 3 and semester 4) are available to assist

students with more serious concerns regarding their academic standing, clinical requirements, concerns regarding their class and/or instructors, or for any questions regarding course specific inquiries.

- **Accounting:** Available via email or In-Person

The Accounting department is available to speak with students regarding their tuition payments, repayment, program fees (additional fees) and any accounting needs (ex. Tax receipts).

TCDHA Location

TCDHA offers the Dental Hygiene Program at 28 Vanley Crescent, Toronto ON, M3J 2B8.

This location is equipped with modern and up to date technology, with state-of-the-art dental clinics designed and built for an educational and clinical setting. Each student gets a full operatory with modern equipment and latest technology including automatic chairs, halogen lights, and a completely digital environment with digital intra oral x-rays, digital panoramic x-rays and digital paperless records.

Dental Hygiene Application & Pre-Admission Exam: Times and Cost

Please reach out to the Admissions Department to schedule the Pre-admission Exam. Our dedicated Admissions team will assist you with the application process and provide you access to our portal EduLink to complete your application form.

Testing dates are subject to availability. Please contact the Admissions Department to find out the soonest date.

Hours of operation are as follows:

Monday to Friday: 7:00AM to 8:00PM
Saturday: 7:00AM to 4:00PM

Please call us today to schedule your pre-admissions exam at 416-423-3099 or toll free at 1-866-923-3099.

Directions to TCDHA-28 Vanley Crescent, Toronto ON M3J 2B8

Directions from Highway 401:

1. Take exit 365 for Allen Road North.
2. Turn left on to Sheppard Ave West.
3. Drive 600 meters and take a right onto Chesswood Drive.
4. Turn right onto Vanley Crescent and TCDHA is located on the left-hand side.

Directions from Highway 400:

1. Exit on the Finch Ave. ramp and head east to Chesswood Drive.
2. Turn right onto Chesswood Drive.
3. Turn left on Vanley Crescent. TCDHA is located on the right-hand side.

Public Transit from Sheppard West Station:

1. Take the107 Alness-Chesswood bus and exit at Chesswood Drive. at Vanley Crescent. Walk 2 minutes down Vanley Crescent to TCDHA.

Or

2. Take either the 84 Sheppard West (westbound), 108 Driftwood, or 106 Sentinel bus and exit at Sheppard Ave West at Chesswood Drive. Walk north to Vanley Crescent. Turn right on Vanley Crescent and continue for approximately 5 minutes to TCDHA.



We encourage all applicants who are interested in the Dental Hygiene Program at TCDHA to please read the comprehensive admission information within this package. Applicants that have specific questions or would like additional information regarding the Dental Hygiene Program should call the admissions department at 416-423-3099 or 1-866-923-3099 (toll free in North America).

Entrance Requirements

Applicants educated in Ontario must have completed a high school diploma equivalent to the following mandatory admission requirements.

Applicants from other provinces in Canada must have all the same requirements or equivalent in their respective provinces.

Students must submit an **Ontario Secondary School Diploma** (OSSD) or **Equivalent** as per the list below:

a. A secondary school graduation transcript/diploma from a Canadian province, territory or from the United States.
b. A Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC) or General Education Development (GED) certificate issued by a Canadian province, territory or from the United States.
c. A transcript, diploma or certificate from another country, assessed at an Ontario OSSD level by a recognized assessment service. Qualified academic credential assessment can be submitted as an alternative for those who have taken their education outside of Canada.
d. A certificate of completion for an academic upgrading program from any Canadian jurisdiction that is accepted by an Ontario College of Applied Arts and Technology for entry in an Ontario postsecondary program (for example, the Ontario Basic Skills Level IV, Basic Training and Skills Development Level IV, or the Academic Career Entrance Certificate).
e. A Canadian or U.S. postsecondary diploma or degree
f. A non-Canadian postsecondary diploma or degree that has been assessed as equivalent to a Canadian postsecondary diploma or degree by a recognized assessment service.
g. A certificate of Apprenticeship or Certificate of Qualification in any trade from any Canadian jurisdiction.
h. If a student was ever accepted into a postsecondary institution and can provide the acceptance letter.

i. If a student started a postsecondary diploma or degree and can provide the in-progress or incomplete transcript.
j. A certificate or diploma from a Career College (OCC).

The candidate must ensure that their Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent transcript is provided to TCDHA.

The applicant should also submit any and/or all of the following documents if applicable:

- Post-secondary education
- Evidence in the field

Mature Students

Applicants that are applying as a Mature Student who are over the age of 18 years and lack a high school diploma or equivalent (as discussed above) may apply under Mature Student status. A Mature Student must successfully pass the Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security (MCURES) approved qualifying test, which is called the Wonderlic Scholastic Level Exam. This is the test that has been approved by the MCURES at Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc.

Valid ID must be provided by the applicant to prove the age requirement.

The mandatory pre-admission test, interview, and entry requirements apply to all applicants.

Applicants Educated Outside of Canada or USA

Applicants who have graduated from high school and/or a post-secondary institution in a foreign country are required to have their education evaluated by the qualified academic credential assessment service (WES, ICAS, IQAS, etc.)
All applicable fees associated with the qualified academic credential assessment services are the responsibility of the applicant. Applicants must arrange to have copies of the documents delivered to TCDHA by the required deadlines.

If the foreign applicant cannot provide a copy of these documents, then they may choose to apply as a Mature Student.

Indigenous Applicant Eligibility

TCDHA is dedicated to creating an inclusive learning environment that lifts and honours the Indigenous worldview and ways of knowing to support First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students who choose to study here.

For this reason, and to continue to improve our support of Indigenous students as they strive to reach their educational goals and dreams, we invite you to identify if you are of Indigenous ancestry within the meaning of the Canadian Constitutional Act of 1982.

Self-identifying Indigenous ancestry on your application for admission will allow us to stay connected throughout your college career and provide information on topics such as Indigenous student scholarships, bursaries and more.

Applicants applying must meet the following requirements:

- Provide documentation of Indigenous heritage (First Nations, Métis, or Inuit).

This could include but is not limited to, Indian or Métis status cards, official Inuit identification, official letters from Aboriginal organizations, or a combination of proof.

- Complete the application process and the admissions test.
- Complete the prerequisites required to be eligible for admission into the program.

TCDHA reserves 2 seats per intake to students who fall under the category Indigenous Students (First Nations, Inuit, Métis).

International Applicants

TCDHA accepts international students if they meet all the entry requirements. TCDHA is designated by the International Student Program (ISP) as a Designated Learning Institution with Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). International applicants must also complete the IELTS Academic test (www.ieltscanada.ca) with a minimum overall score of 6.0 with no individual band below 6.0.

Successfully completing the Dental Hygiene Program at TCDHA does not guarantee the ability to work and/or to live in Canada. Please see the

Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) website for information on studying, working and living in Canada.

TCDHA reserves 2 seats per intake to students who fall under the International Students category.

English Proficiency

English is the language in which the Dental Hygiene Program is taught at the Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc.

TCDHA does not teach English as a second language to students.

Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc. is a fast-paced program. In order to complete the program, it is imperative that the student has a strong grasp of the English language, both verbal and written. Lack of English ability may result in poor academic performance and potential release from the program. The student must be able to deal with the delivery and retrieval of information by communicating effectively with clients and instructors. Lack of comprehension or communication skills may jeopardize the safety of the clients. This may result in the College taking necessary measures to ensure client safety, which may include release from the program.

Prior Learning Assessment

Applicants of the Dental Hygiene Program with a dental background or other related courses will not be granted advanced standings or exemptions for courses taken elsewhere.

All courses must be taken and completed successfully in order to graduate from the program offered at TCDHA.

Recommended Personal Admission Requirements

- Good vision and visual perception with or without corrective lenses.
- Manual dexterity that allows manipulation of small instruments with repetitive motions.
- Good interpersonal communications skills.
- Confidence speaking in front of individuals and/or groups.

- Problem solving and critical thinking skills.
- Emotional maturity with an internal value of helping and caring for others.
- Ability to co-operate with others.
- Virtual Collaboration Skills. Students will work effectively and collaboratively in online lectures.
- Ability to handle responsibility.
- Self-Motivation
- Good organizational skills and time management skills. This program contains virtual online and in-person components which require strong scheduling and time management skills.
- Attention to detail.
- Digital Literacy and computer skills.

Mandatory Pre-admission Exam

In addition, all applicants that meet the minimum admission requirements will be required to write the mandatory Dental Hygiene pre-admission exam.

Applicants are able to book the pre-admission exam online with the Admissions Coordinators or through our online scheduler after they submit the application form. The Admissions coordinator will add the applicant to our online portal EduLink. This will send the applicant a link to complete their online forms. Once the applicant completes the Online Pre-Admission exam forms they are welcome to book the pre-admission exam directly through the scheduler, or speak with their Admissions coordinator to book it.

The applicant is then able to complete the pre-admission exam through Microsoft TEAMS fully monitored by the Admission Coordinators.

There is no fee associated with the mandatory pre-admission exam.

Applicants are required to provide photo identification for viewing by the Admission Coordinator.

The pre-admission exam consists of the following:

- English Questions (including Vocabulary, Grammar & Reading Comprehension)
- Written Component

- Spatial Relations Questions
- Biology Questions

In order to be successful on the pre-admission exam the applicant must achieve a score of 70% or above.

Applicants that are Located outside the City, Province or Country

Applicants that are located a far distance from the College or are from out of province or from out of country area are eligible to follow the same process as above for the online pre-admission exam. The applicant may also use a qualified testing center that will supervise their pre-admission exam. Please call TCDHA admission staff for more information at 416-423-3099 or toll free 1-866-923-3099. Also, please feel free to e-mail questions to info@toronto-college-dental.org.

There is no fee associated with the mandatory pre-admission exam.

Mandatory Pre-admission Interview

The pre-admission interview is designed to allow the applicant to demonstrate their personal qualities. Applicants will be evaluated on their knowledge of the profession and their communication and critical thinking skills. Applicants will be evaluated according to their responses and to the overall impression made during the interview.

Selection Process

Applicants who achieve above 70% on the Mandatory Pre-Admission exam will be asked to participate in the Mandatory Pre-Admission Interview.

Applicants who achieve 70% or above during the Mandatory Pre-Admission interview are considered to have met the minimum requirement level for entry to the Dental Hygiene program.

Other considerations in the selection process will include:

1. Post-secondary education
2. Dental industry experience

TCDHA uses a 2-teir ranking system. In addition to successfully completing the pre-admission exam and virtual interview, applicants are ranked based on the Post-Secondary Education and Experience Score to determine their seat in each intake (including wait list seats). Applicants that receive 0 points on the Post-Secondary Education and Experience Score will fall into our 2nd ranking system which is ranked by their Overall Total Evaluation Score (Pre-Admission Exam + Pre-Admission Interview Evaluation). To clarify, if two applicants receive the same Pre-Admission Interview Evaluation score, the applicant with post-secondary education will be considered first. These scores will be determined during the pre-admission interview.

**Applicants must provide proof of post-secondary education (an original copy of a transcript) before their seat can be confirmed.*

Unsuccessful Applicants

Unsuccessful applicants will be informed of their status in person, by e-mail or by telephone.

Conditional Acceptance Status

A qualified applicant will be offered conditional acceptance into the program. There are documents and payment requirements that must be met prior to the qualified applicant being offered full acceptance.

Once the applicant is offered "Conditional Acceptance" they will be given a set period of time to respond to the College if they wish to accept the offer.

Once the candidate has accepted the "Conditional Acceptance" offer they will be sent requirements and documents that need to be read, signed and return within a specified period of time.

In addition, the qualified applicant must provide evidence of their status in Canada by providing a copy of one of the following documents:

- Canadian Passport
- Canadian Citizenship Card
- Canadian Birth Certificate
- Documentation of Permanent Residence Status

- Documents of Landed Immigration Status, or
- Documentation of Study Visa* (if applies)
  **Study Visa must be valid in Canada for the duration of the program*
- Proof of Health Insurance* (if applies)
  **International students must submit proof of health insurance upon receipt of a valid study visa. Most health insurances are only valid for one year from the start date and therefore must be renewed for the remaining duration of the program*

Additional required documents include:

- Proof of current level Basic Life Support (BLS)
- Immunization Form completed (form provided by TCDHA)
- Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sect or Screening*
  **Applicants that live in Toronto must request TCDHA school code to apply*
- Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) modules
- WHIMIS Certificate

Please Note: Any fees associated with completing these documents are the responsibility of the applicant.

*Registration with the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario (CDHO) is mandatory to practice as a Dental Hygienist in Ontario. A history of criminal offences or charges of professional misconduct in another jurisdiction or another profession may interfere with your ability to become registered in Ontario, other provinces or other countries.

It is the applicant's/student's responsibility to contact the CDHO (or the regulatory body they intend to register with post-graduation) if they have a criminal history to determine if it will jeopardize being registered as a Dental Hygienist post-graduation.
Applicants that require clarification can contact TCDHA and speak with an Admissions Coordinator.

Full Acceptance Status

Full Acceptance Status into the Dental Hygiene Program at the Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc. is granted once the qualified applicant has

signed the Student Enrolment Contract and completed all the entrance requirements stated in the "Conditional Acceptance" offer.
This includes any required payments prior to the commencement of the program.

Waiting List

A waiting list of qualified applicants will be established any time that the number of qualified applicants exceeds the program's capacity.
These qualified applicants will receive an e-mail or telephone call informing them that they have been placed on the program wait list.

If the applicant wishes to be added to wait lists, they are welcome to do so. If a seat comes open and it is their turn on the list, the applicant will be contacted by phone and email to confirm acceptance of the seat.

The Applicant is able to accept or decline this seat. If they chose to decline or are unresponsive to the offer, they will remain in their confirmed seat and any other waiting Lists they were assigned to.

Closing of Program

Entry into the program will be deemed closed when all the available seats are filled. Qualified applicants on the waitlist will be notified that the program is full.

Selection Process Procedure:

1. Submit the application
2. Submit high school transcript or equivalent (as described above)
3. Submit post-secondary documents (if applicable)
4. Submit dental industry experience documents (if applicable)
5. Write the mandatory pre-admission examination and successfully achieve a score of 70% or greater.
6. If successful, participate in a mandatory pre-admission interview and successfully achieve over 70%.
7. If successful, the applicant is deemed a qualified applicant.
8. Qualified applicants will be offered "conditional acceptance" status

based on TCDHA's 2-teir ranking system. Please reference Selection Process.

9. Full Acceptance status is granted once all the conditional acceptance requirements are completed.
10. If the number of qualified applicants exceeds the programs capacity the qualified applicant will be placed on a wait list.
11. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified.

Please Note: TCDHA does not accept transfer credits.

Career Opportunities

Dental Hygiene is a dynamic and challenging health care profession which allows for a wide range of opportunities. Dental Hygienists have both employment and self-employment opportunities. There are options for part-time or full-time career opportunities and are desirable due to the flexible hours. As a Dental Hygienist, graduates may work interdependently and collaboratively with health care professionals in a variety of practice settings.

There are numerous post-graduate opportunities, including:

- General dental office and/or clinic
- Specialty dental office and/or clinic i.e. Periodontics, Orthodontics, Paedodontics and Prosthodontics.
- Independent Dental Hygiene Practice
- Independent Business Owner
- Community Health Settings
- Public Health Departments
- Research
- Educational Institutions
- Sales, Marketing and Administration
- Private Consulting

*TCDHA does not guarantee employment for any student who successfully completes the Dental Hygiene Program.

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Program Fees

The Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc. anticipated fees for the Dental Hygiene Program are as follows:

	Current Fees
Tuition:	$49,050.00
Additional Fees:	
Books:	$3,850.00
Uniforms and Equipment:	$1,775.00
Equipment Rental Fees:	$1,100.00
Expendable Materials:	$1,300.00
Other Compulsory Fees:	$850.00
Total for the Program:	**$57,925.00**
International Student Fee:	$10,000.00 (if applicable)

TCDHA accepts monthly payments to assist students with their finances.

Financial Assistance may be available for those who qualify.
The OSAP website is as follows: https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal

The National Student Loans Service Centre address is as follows:
P.O. Box 4030, Mississauga, Ontario L5A 4M4

Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries

Common Questions and Answers

Is the Dental Hygiene Program offered at the TCDHA accredited?

Yes! The TCDHA Dental Hygiene Program offered at 28 Vanley Crescent, Toronto ON is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada since 2004.

Accreditation for Dental Hygiene is issued by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC). Accreditation is a formal quality-assurance process that ensures dental hygiene programs across Canada meet educational standards required for safe, effective and ethical practice in the profession. This process ensures students are receiving an education that aligns with national competencies and professional expectations. Accreditation is renewed every four (4) years.

Graduates of accredited Dental Hygiene programs are able to go straight to registration in most provinces after successfully completing the National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination (NDHCE). Please note, it is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the province they wish to register in to practice Dental Hygiene to see if there are additional registration requirements. Registration requirements do vary provincially and internationally.

Applicants must meet all of the regulatory body requirements prior to registration in Ontario, in other provinces or other countries.

Graduates may also choose to write the American National Board Exam. Applicants would need to meet all of the American National Board Exam requirements to be eligible.

Is TCDHA registered with the Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security (MCURES)?

TCDHA is approved under the Ontario Career Colleges Act, 2005. TCDHA is registered under the Ontario Career Colleges Act, 2005.

Do students receive a certificate or a diploma once they complete the program at the TCDHA?

Upon successfully completion of the Dental Hygiene Program offered at the TCDHA, the student will receive an official diploma.

How long is the Dental Hygiene Program?

The Dental Hygiene Program offered at TCDHA is 76 weeks or approximately 18 months in duration. The program is divided into four semesters with one week off between semesters.

Students are able to complete the program in approximately 18 months because TCDHA does not take extended summer vacations or holiday breaks.

Other programs in Canada that take extended breaks within their program may take up to 3 years to complete.

Students that attend TCDHA appreciate the fact that they are able to finish the program in a shorter period of time. This allows the graduate the opportunity to seek employment sooner.

Is the Dental Hygiene Program offered at Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc. hybrid?

Yes! The Dental Hygiene Program offered at Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc. is approved for hybrid learning 'synchronous'. This means courses will be delivered virtually online and in-person. Any online classes are delivered synchronously. This means lectures are live with an instructor and are not pre-recorded. Students must be present for the full lecture with their cameras on actively participating. All Clinics, Labs and most evaluations (tests, quizzes and exams) are completed in-person.

Does everyone write the National Dental Hygiene Certification Exam (NDHCE)?

Yes! All graduates of all the Dental Hygiene programs across Canada must write the NDHCE, with the exception of graduates in Quebec.

The NDHCE is intended to fulfill the written examination requirement. However, the requirement of the NDHCB Certificate for licensure or registration is completely at the discretion of each provincial or territorial Dental Hygiene regulatory authority. Dental Hygiene regulatory authorities in all provinces except Québec, require the NDHCB Certificate as one requirement for licensure or registration.

Are there fees associated with writing the NDHCE?

Yes! There is a fee associated with writing the NDHCE. This fee is the responsibility of the student. These are not included in the Dental Hygiene Program fees. The fees are det ermined by the NDHCB and may change annually. The fees are paid directly to the NDHCB.

What is the cost of the program offered at the TCDHA?

The program tuition fee is $49,050.00 Additional fees will apply to cover the cost of textbooks, instruments, uniforms, insurance, technology and clinical fees.

Are there any hidden fees that we should be aware of at the TCDHA?

No! There are no hidden fees. TCDHA believes that the student should know in advance what their financial situation is, so that they can prepare themselves for the financial commitment of the Dental Hygiene Program.

Does TCDHA have payment options?

Yes! TCDHA accepts monthly payments as an option to assist students with their finances during the program.

Can TCDHA students apply for student loans to pay their tuition?

Yes! All provincial student loans across Canada are available for students to apply.

Financial assistance may be available for those who qualify. The OSAP website is located at: https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal

The National Student Loans Service Centre address is as follows:
P.O. Box 4030, Mississauga, Ontario L5A 4M4

Please visit the OSAP website to get an estimate and see if you may be eligible.

When on the OSAP estimate website, students will notice that TCDHA is not in the drop-down list of schools. If students click the section indicating that TCDHA is not on the list, a box will appear. Typing in "Toronto Coll" will connect students to programs offered at TCDHA.

What other funding sources can students use to pay their tuition at TCDHA?

The Better Jobs Ontario Program is another payment option.

Band Support Funding and Indigenous education funding programs may be available to eligible students.

Does TCDHA assist students with bank loans or line of credit applications?

Yes! There are financial institutions that will assist students with student loans and student lines of credit. Most financial institutions will require a co-signer when applying for a student loan or line of credit.

TCDHA Admissions Coordinators assist applicants with all of the financial options that are available. They can be reached at 416-423-3099 or toll free at 1-866-923-3099.

Is there a fee associated with the admission testing and interview?

No! Currently there are no fees associated with the admission test and interview.

Sample questions are available by contacting the Admissions Department at info@toronto-college-dental.org or 416-423-3099 or toll free 1-866-923-3099.

Does the Dental Hygiene Program accept out of province students?

Yes! TCDHA accepts students from all across Canada. TCDHA understands that there is a lot of planning involved with attending the Dental Hygiene Program away from home. The admission staff will assist the applicant throughout the entire process until arrival at TCDHA.

Does the Dental Hygiene Program accept international students?

Yes! TCDHA accepts international students if they meet all the entry requirements. Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc. is designated with the International Student Program (ISP) as a Designated Learning Institution with Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).

Successfully completing the Dental Hygiene Program at the Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries Inc. does not guarantee the ability to work and/or to live in Canada.

Please see the Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) website for information on working and living in Canada.
Study visas must be valid in Canada for the duration of the study period.

How many dental chairs does TCDHA have?

TCDHA at 28 Vanley Crescent location has 121 fully operational dental chairs, 18 of which include digital radiography rooms. The clinical area also includes three digital panoramic x-ray machines.

The Dental Hygiene clinic is 100% paperless using all the latest technology that a modern dental office would use. This includes digital photography, digital x-rays, a digital Panoramic x-ray machine, Cloudent EDU software, signature pads and fingerprint scanners. Each dental chair is equipped with its own computer.

Do students need university courses to be accepted to the program?

No! Although many provinces and states require students to have completed their first year of university, students who attend the Dental Hygiene Program at the TCDHA are not required to take their first year of university prior to applying.

How do students get their Dental Hygiene Registration after graduation?

The student would attend the Dental Hygiene Program and having successfully completed the program would be offered an official diploma from our accredited program. The individual would then be required to write the National Dental Hygiene Certification Exam and pass.

The graduates could apply to register with the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario (CDHO) to get their dental hygiene registration (if they meet all the requirements of registration).

They could also apply to register in one of the other provinces in Canada. They must meet all registration requirements prior to registration.

Another option would be to apply to register in the USA or internationally. Each country may have differences regarding the registration requirements that need to be met prior to being granted registration.

TCDHA has many students that apply from all across Canada and internationally to the Dental Hygiene Program.

Does TCDHA provide employment assistance?

Yes! TCDHA aids with job placement in the following ways:

- TCDHA maintains alumni information and notifies former graduates of potential job opportunities through email.
- TCDHA instructs students in resume writing, interview techniques, soft skills, and job preparations skills.
- TCDHA allows students to utilize the facilities to contact potential employers.
- TCDHA may provide a letter of reference for graduates.

TCDHA does not guarantee employment for any student who successfully completes the Dental Hygiene Program.

Additional Information

Currently TCDHA is offering FREE Pre-admission exam to applicants that apply to the Dental Hygiene Program.

Please visit the TCDHA website at www.toronto-college-dental.org or call at 416-423-3099 or 1-866-923-3099 (toll free) to speak to an Admissions Coordinator.

It is recommended, if possible, to schedule an individual tour and pre-admission exam date. This can be done by contacting a TCDHA Admissions Coordinator.