

Program Participation Requirements of Harper College and the Dental Hygiene Program

Immunization and Testing Policy

Policies and procedures for vaccinations, testing and post-exposure incidents have been developed to comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Dental Association (ADA), American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) and extramural site recommendations or policies.

Health Requirements

Students accepted into the dental hygiene program must complete health requirements that include: physical examination, screening tests, blood titers, immunizations (HBV & MMR vaccination verification or proof of immunity) and an eye examination. TB testing with verification of the results and documentation of health insurance is also required. Validation of health requirements is coordinated by Health and Psychological Services, <http://goforward.harpercollege.edu/services/special/hps/index.php>

Basic Life Support-Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification

Students must complete and maintain current **American Heart Association's** Health Care Providers' CPR certification. Students will not be able to participate in clinical experiences without this verification. Students are responsible for paying any fees required for certification. AHA Health Care Provider CPR courses are available through Harper College Continuing Education, at area clinical facilities, and in the community.

Criminal Background Investigation

All students seeking to enroll in health career programs or classes including clinical placements are required to authorize an investigation to determine if the student has been convicted of any criminal or drug offenses.

The student shall provide authorization for the investigation to the Harper College Police Department. Harper Police, Building B, Room 101, 847.925.6330, email, police@harpercollege.edu or webpage, <http://goforward.harpercollege.edu/police/index.php>.

For information on convictions that will disqualify you for a health career, you should call the Illinois Department of Public Health (1-217-782-2913). If you have a disqualifying conviction, the IDPH can clarify the process you should initiate to apply for a waiver. This waiver would allow you to enter a health career program.

Photo ID

Students will be issued a Harper College photo ID badge. This ID badge must be worn at all times while students are participating in clinical experiences. Fees may be required.

Board Examinations

During the final semester of the Dental Hygiene Program second-level students will apply and sit for the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination, administered by the American Dental Association at Pearson testing sites.

Students that are in good academic standing and expected to graduate on time are also eligible to sit for the NERB (North East Regional Board) Examination at Harper College.

Costs for these examinations are listed in the *Estimated Program Expense* section.