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DENTAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKET

Welcome to the information packet for the College of Central Florida Associate in Science Degree in Dental Hygiene. This information is intended for those interested in becoming dental hygienists through the CF program. We hope you find this information clear and helpful. This packet is specific for students planning to apply for Fall 2024 admission.

The degree consists of 88 credits in general education and core courses leading to the Associate in Science degree in Dental Hygiene. Students who complete the program are eligible for licensure through the State of Florida. The program has received status of initial accreditation through Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). A follow-up site visit will take place in 2025.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of dental hygienists is projected to grow 11 percent from 2020 to 2030, faster than the average for all occupations. Studies linking oral health and general health, along with efforts to expand access to oral hygiene services, will continue to drive demand for preventive dental services, including those performed by hygienists. The median wage is \$77,090. Wages can vary pending your place of employment, hours worked and geographic location.

Dental hygienists examine patients for signs of oral diseases, such as gingivitis, and provide preventive care, including oral hygiene. They also educate patients about oral health. Hygienists are an invaluable member of the healthcare team. The scope of practice for a dental hygienist in the State of Florida can be found on the [Official Internet Site of the Florida Legislature](#).

CF's Dental Hygiene program is a **limited-access** program, one in which both program admission and course registration are restricted to a certain number of students meeting predetermined criteria. Limited access status is justified when student demand exceeds available resources or accreditation requirements (e.g., student/faculty ratios, instructional facilities and equipment, clinical sites), or the nature of the program calls for specific admission requirements.

Limited-access programs have admissions processes and criteria beyond general college admissions. While any student meeting the minimum criteria is encouraged to apply, not all applicants may be accepted.

The [Ocala Campus](#) of College of Central Florida is located at 3001 S.W. College Road. The telephone number is 352-873-5800. CF maintains an open-door admission policy — individuals who have a high school diploma or GED certificate will be admitted to the college — and consistently strives to provide programs beneficial to all students. The college website [CF.edu](#) includes information about the institution, admission requirements, an application to the college, and information on [financial aid](#) opportunities.

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE COMPLAINTS: In accord with the U.S. Department of Education's Criteria and Procedures for Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, the commission requires accredited programs to notify students of an opportunity to file complaints with the commission. A copy of the appropriate accreditation standards and/or the commission's policy and procedure for submission of complaints may be obtained by contacting the commission at 211 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611-2678 or by calling 1-800-621-8099, ext. 4653.



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Dear Applicant:

A very exciting career in dental hygiene is available at the College of Central Florida. Students learn best through a variety of methods. The program is of unique nature and involves various ways of studying. It is designed to learn through classroom lectures, skills lab hours, clinical rotations at our Hampton Center as well as clinical rotations in the dental communities of Marion, Citrus and Levy counties.

The enclosed information packet will explain the application process for CF and the Dental Hygiene program. I encourage you to attend an information session. To confirm dates about information sessions, please visit our website at CF.edu/Health. There is never a better time than **TODAY** to begin a new and exciting career in the field of dentistry.

If you are interested in this program please contact me (see information below) so I may assist you with scheduling and any academic advising needs. I look forward to working with you in the planning of your future as a health professional.

PROGRAM GOALS:

- To provide knowledge and skills for students so they can effectively work in all areas of dentistry
- To prepare students for certification in advanced functions
- To prepare students to successfully pass the Dental Hygiene National Board ADEX/CDCA Dental Hygiene Licensing Examinations and Florida Laws and Rules
- To meet the job-market requirements for the community
- To provide additional counseling and coursework for students who wish to continue their education.

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ADMISSION CRITERIA

Application Window: May 30-June 27, 2024

To be considered for the program the student must complete the following:

1. **Application to the College of Central Florida** – Applications for admission to CF are submitted online at [CF.edu/Apply](https://www.cf.edu/Apply).
 - Designate Associate in Arts (1491) as the degree with Dental Hygiene-Health Sciences (1326) as the major (applicants with an A.A. or higher degree use code 9240, College Graduate to A.S. Limited Access Health Sciences).
 - Students must submit official transcripts from **all** colleges attended and an **official high school transcript**. Admission to the college will not be completed until **all transcripts are received**. General Education coursework from other schools may be accepted towards the Dental Hygiene program. An official transcript evaluation will determine the equivalency of courses.

Note: If you are a past CF student who has not been enrolled for a year or more, please complete the readmit application; there is no charge for readmit, but new documentation may be required.

2. **Information Session (required)** – All potential program applicants **MUST** attend a mandatory information session. Session schedule can be found at <https://www.cf.edu/events/category/health-sciences/>. Attendance at the session is required and must be completed within the application year. **Be sure to review this information packet periodically to keep abreast of any potential revisions.**

THIS IS A LIMITED-ACCESS PROGRAM. ACCEPTANCE TO THE COLLEGE DOES NOT INDICATE ACCEPTANCE TO THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM.

INDIVIDUALS WITH A CRIMINAL HISTORY MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMS.

STUDENTS MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE FROM THE FIRST DAY OF THE FIRST SEMESTER OF THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM.

3. **General Education Courses** – Applicants must have a minimum 2.50 GPA for dental hygiene general education courses and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

The following courses are required to be completed before beginning the first semester of the dental hygiene program. Students are eligible to apply while currently enrolled in the final required general education courses.

BSC 2085L†	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
BSC 2085†	Human Anatomy and Physiology	3
HUN 1201	Human Nutrition	3
MCB 2010†	Microbiology	3
MCB 2010L†	Microbiology Lab	1
ENC 1101	Freshman Composition Skills I	3
MGF 1106**	Liberal Arts Mathematics**	3
SPC 2608	Effective Speaking	3
AMH 2020 or POS 2041	U.S. History Since 1877 or American National Government (plus civics exam)	3
SYG 2000 or SYG 2430 or SYG 2010	Introduction to Sociology or Marriage and the Family or Social Problems	3
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3
ARH 1000 HUM 1020 HUM 1020H LIT 1000 MUL 1010 PHI 2010 THE 1000	Humanities (course of choice)	3

* Note: A grade of less than a “C” received in any prerequisite or corequisite course must be corrected with a “C” or higher and posted on the student’s transcript before the student is qualified to apply to the program. Grades less than a “C” include “D, F or W.”

** Students may take another math course from the following: MAC 1105, STA 2023, or higher.

‡ The sciences, Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Microbiology, must be fewer than seven years old at the time of starting the first semester of the program.

† For science courses older than seven years applicants may choose to 1) Retake the course(s); or 2) Pass an appropriate exam administered by the Science Department. If the applicant chooses to take an exam, he or she must make the arrangements in the Science Department. Exam is \$100 per course. **For both of these options, the applicant must see a Health Sciences advisor.**

4. Academic Advisement

Applicants are recommended to meet with their advisor as they complete their general education courses. **An academic advising appointment is required before submitting the program application. The required appointment timeframe is contingent on program accreditation.**

- The advising appointment will verify that the student has met the requirements to apply for the program. This appointment is a review of educational requirements, substitutions, verification of testing, and the point system.
- To schedule an appointment, visit <https://calendly.com/garciad-1> or <https://calendly.com/roskovil>.

COURSE OF STUDY

Course Codes	General Education Course Names	Credit Hours
FALL TERM I		
BSC 2085 [†]	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BSC 2085L [†]	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
ENC 1101	Freshman Comp Skills I	3
MGF 1106**	Liberal Arts Math	3
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3
Semester credits		13
SPRING TERM II		
MCB 2010 [†]	Microbiology	3
MCB 2010L [†]	Microbiology Lab	1
HUN 1201	Human Nutrition	3
HUM 1020	Introduction to the Humanities	3
SYG 2000	Introductory Sociology <i>(or other SYG course listed in packet)</i>	3
Semester credits		13
SUMMER TERM III		
AMH 2020 or POS 2041	U.S. History Since 1877 or American National Government	3
SPC 2608	Effective Speaking	3
Semester credits		6
Total General Education Credits		32

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General education courses can be taken either part-time or full-time. This is a recommended plan of study but not required. All general education courses must be successfully completed (“C” or higher) before beginning the Dental Hygiene program.

	PROGRAM CORE COURSES (CREDITS)	Credit Hours
	FALL – 1ST SEMESTER	
DEH 1000	Introduction to Dental Hygiene	2
DEH 1000L	Introduction to Dental Hygiene Lab	1
DES 1020	Head and Neck Anatomy	2
DES 1022	Dental Anatomy	2
DES 1600	Dental Office Emergencies	1
DEH 1003	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene and Instrumentation	1
DEH 1003L	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene and Instrumentation Lab	1
DES 1840	Preventative Dentistry	2
DES 1030	History and Embryology	1
		Total=13 Credits
	SPRING – 2ND SEMESTER	
DES 1100	Dental Materials	2
DES 1100L	Dental Materials Lab	1
DES 1200	Dental Radiology	2
DES 1200L	Dental Radiology Lab	1
DEH 1800	Dental Hygiene I	1
DEH 1800L	Dental Hygiene I Clinic	3
DES 1050	Dental Pharmacology	2
		Total=12 Credits
	SUMMER – 3RD SEMESTER	
DEH 1802	Dental Hygiene II	1
DEH 1802L	Dental Hygiene Clinic II	4
DES 2832C	Expanded Functions with Lab	2
DES 1051C	Dental Pain Control and Local Anesthesia with Lab	2
		Total=9 Credits
	FALL – 4TH SEMESTER	
DEA 2033	Oral Pathology	2
DEH 2804	Dental Hygiene III	1
DEH 2804L	Dental Hygiene III Clinic	4
DEH 1602	Periodontology	2
DEH 2702C	Community and Public Dental Health with Lab	3
		Total=12 Credits
	SPRING – 5TH SEMESTER	
DEH 2806	Dental Hygiene Theory IV	1
DEH 2806L	Dental Hygiene IV Clinic	4
DEH 2293	Professional Development	2
DES 1502	Dental Office Management	2
DES 1029	Dental Specialties	1
		Total=10 Credits
		GRAND TOTAL=56 Credits

COURSE OF STUDY

Competencies for Entry into Dental Hygiene

Core Competencies (C)

- C.1 Apply a professional code of ethics in all endeavors.
- C.2 Adhere to state and federal laws, recommendations, and regulations in the provision of oral health care.
- C.3 Use critical thinking skills and comprehensive problem-solving to identify oral health care strategies that promote patient health and wellness.
- C.4 Use evidence-based decision making to evaluate emerging technology and treatment modalities to integrate into patient dental hygiene care places to achieve high-quality, cost-effective care.
- C.5 Assume responsibility for professional actions and care based on accepted scientific theories, research, and the accepted standard of care.
- C.6 Continuously perform self-assessment for lifelong learning and professional growth.
- C.7 Integrate accepted scientific theories and research into educational, preventive, and therapeutic oral health services.
- C.8 Promote the values of the dental hygiene profession through service-based activities, positive community affiliations, and active involvement in local organizations.
- C.9 Apply quality assurance mechanisms to ensure continuous commitment to accepted standards of care.
- C.10 Communicate effectively with diverse individuals and groups, serving all persons without discrimination by acknowledging and appreciating diversity.
- C.11 Record accurate, consistent, and complete documentation of oral health services provided.
- C.12 Initiate a collaborative approach with all patients when developing individualized care plans that are specialized, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and acceptable to all parties involved in care planning.
- C.13 Initiate consultations and collaborations with all relevant health care providers to facilitate optimal treatments.
- C.14 Manage medical emergencies by using professional judgement, providing life support, and utilizing required CPR and any specialized training or knowledge.

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (HP)

- HP.1 Promote positive values of overall health and wellness to the public and organizations within and outside the profession.
- HP.2 Respect the goals, values and beliefs, and preferences of all patients.
- HP.3 Refer patients who may have physiological, psychological, or social problems for comprehensive evaluation.
- HP.4 Identify individual and population risk factors, and develop strategies that promote health-related quality of life.
- HP.5 Evaluate factors that can be used to promote patient adherence to disease preventions or health maintenance strategies.
- HP.6 Utilize methods that ensure the health and safety of the patient and the oral health professional in the delivery of care.

Community Involvement (CM)

- CM.1 Assess the oral health needs and services of the community to determine action plans and availability of resources to meet the health care needs.
- CM.2 Provide screening, referral, and educational services that allow patients to access the resources of the health care system.
- CM.3 Provide community oral health services in a variety of settings.
- CM.4 Facilitate patient access to oral health services by influencing individuals or organizations for the provision of oral health care.
- CM.5 Evaluate reimbursement mechanisms and their impact on the patient's access to oral health care.
- CM.6 Evaluate the outcomes of community-based programs, and plan for future activities.
- CM.7 Advocate for effective oral health care for underserved populations.

Patient Care (PC)

Assessment

- PC.1 Systematically collect, analyze, and record diagnostic data on the general, oral and psychosocial health status of a variety of patients using methods consistent with medicolegal principles.
- PC.2 Recognize predisposing and etiologic risk factors that require intervention to prevent disease.
- PC.3 Recognize the relationship among systemic disease, medications, and oral health that impact overall patient care and treatment outcomes.
- PC.4 Identify patients at risk for a medical emergency, and manage the patient care in a manner that prevents an emergency.

Dental Hygiene Diagnosis

- PC.5 Use patient assessment data, diagnostic technologies, and critical decision makings skills to determine a dental hygiene diagnosis, a component of the dental diagnosis, to reach conclusions about the patient's dental hygiene care needs.

Planning

- PC.6 Utilize effective judgement in developing a comprehensive patient dental hygiene care plan.
- PC.7 Collaborate with the patient and other health professionals as indicated to formulate a comprehensive dental hygiene care plan that is patient-centered and based on the best scientific evidence and professional judgement.
- PC.8 Make referrals to professional colleagues and other health care professionals as indicated in the patient care plan.
- PC.9 Obtain the patient's informed consent based on a thorough care presentation.

Implementation

- PC.10 Provide specialized treatment that includes educational, preventive, and therapeutic services designed to achieve and maintain oral health. Partner with the patient in achieving oral health goals.

Evaluation

- PC.11 Evaluate the effectiveness of the provided services, and modify care plans as needed.
- PC.12 Determine the outcomes of dental hygiene interventions using indices, instruments, examination techniques, and patient self-reports as specified in patient goals.
- PC.13 Compare actual outcomes to expected outcomes, reevaluating goals, diagnoses, and services when expected outcomes are not achieved.

Professional Growth and Development

- PGD.1 Pursue career opportunities within health care, industry, education, research, and other roles as they evolve for the dental hygienist.
- PGD.2 Develop practice management and marketing strategies to be used in the delivery of oral health care.
- PGD.3 Access professional and social networks to pursue professional goals.

POINTS FOR ADMISSION

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<p>5. Healthcare Licensure. Points from <u>ONE</u> of the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDA with more than one-year experience – 3 points OR CDA with 6+ months experience – 2 points OR Other healthcare licensure (current) – 1 point (e.g., CNA, MA, HHA, Phlebotomist, EFDA, EKG, EMT, etc.) 	<p>Attach health care license with employment verification (if needed)</p>																										
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<p>Maximum Eligible Points: 67</p>																											

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- Be fully admitted to the College of Central Florida. Dental Hygiene pre-program major is Associate in Arts, Dental Hygiene – Health Sciences. Complete all college admission criteria.

Your program application packet should include:

- Dental Hygiene program application
- Copy of your academic advising documentation
- Attach any documentation required for additional points (see page 9)

SUBMIT THE DENTAL HYGIENE APPLICATION SIGNED AND DATED WITH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO STAFF ASSISTANT JEANINE CADY AT THE CF HAMPTON CENTER, 1501 W. SILVER SPRINGS BLVD., OCALA.
SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO SUBMIT YOUR PROGRAM APPLICATION BY CONTACTING JEANINE CADY AT CADYJ@CF.EDU OR 352-854-2322, EXT. 1714.

KEEP COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE FOR YOUR FILES.

Selection of Candidates

The selection process will be completed by an admission committee. Each application will be reviewed to ensure that the applicant meets minimum admission criteria and again to calculate points for admission. Applicants who meet minimum criteria will have points calculated and be placed in order by points (highest to lowest). Applicants with the most points will be selected for the class until the class is full. If there is a tie for the last place(s) in the class (two or more students with the same number of points) the applicant(s) will be selected based on the highest GPA in sciences for hygiene. If applicants have the same GPA, the applicant who submitted the application first will be chosen. Applicants not admitted will need to reapply during the next application period to be considered for future admission.

Application Window: May 30- June 27, 2024

ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED IF YOU ARE ACCEPTED

This is only informational; more detailed information will be included in your acceptance packet.

- Return the Acknowledgement of Acceptance form to the Health Sciences office by the date indicated in acceptance letter indicating if you accept or decline your seat in the program.
- **Complete a Criminal Background Check and Student History Background Check.**

All applicants must complete a Level II federal criminal background check after receiving the acceptance packet. If this background check reports any arrests or convictions pertaining to child or elder abuse, domestic violence or felony history as outlined in sections 435.04, 435.03 or 400.215 of Florida Code, admission may be refused or revoked.

Judgments of guilty or pleas of no contest to the following crimes may disqualify applicants from entering into any Health Sciences program:

murder, manslaughter, vehicular homicide, killing of an unborn child by injury to the mother, assault, if the victim of the offense was a minor, aggravated assault, battery, if the victim of the offense was a minor, aggravated battery, kidnapping, false imprisonment, sexual battery, prohibited acts of persons in familial of custody authority, prostitution, lewd and lascivious behavior, lewdness and indecent exposure, arson, theft, robbery, and related crimes, if the offense is a felony, fraudulent sale of controlled substances, only if the offense was a felony, incest, abuse or neglect of a disabled adult or elderly person, exploitation of disabled adult or elderly person, aggravated child abuse, negligent treatment of children, sexual performance by a child, obscene literature, drug offenses which were a felony or if the offense involved a minor, has not been judicially determined to have committed abuse or neglect against a child as defined in s.390 (2) and (47), does not have a confirmed report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation as defined in s. 415.102.(6), or abuse or neglect as defined in 415.503(6), which has been uncontested or upheld under s.415.1075 or 415.504, does not have a proposed confirmed report that remains unserved and is maintained in the central abuse registry and tracking system pursuant to s.415.1065(2), and has not committed an act that constitutes domestic violence as defined in s.714.128.

- **Applicants with a felony history may not be eligible to enter any Health Sciences program.** If you have any questions or concerns about this requirement make an appointment to discuss them with the associate dean of Health Sciences at 352-854-2322, ext. 1274.
- Complete all health forms (including physical, health history and immunizations).
- Complete the American Heart Association Basic Life Support for the Health Care Provider CPR certification.
- Complete a 10-Panel Drug Screening. At any time in the program, if a student is exhibiting questionable behavior indicating drug or alcohol abuse, a substance screening may be required.
- Documentation of completion of a four-hour bloodborne pathogen course.
- Attend the **mandatory** new student orientation session on the date specified in your acceptance letter.

Failure to follow the above steps may result in the loss of your seat in the Dental Hygiene program.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Transfer Work:** Transfer work is accepted pending official evaluation for any of the required general education courses for the A.S. Dental Hygiene degree. Transfer work is determined when a student goes thru the general admission process at the College of Central Florida.
- All students accepted into a Health Sciences program are required to carry annual professional liability and accident insurance. This insurance must be purchased through the college and is paid as part of the Fall Semester fees each year.
- **Health Sciences program applicants should possess sufficient physical, intellectual, emotional and interpersonal skills to provide for safe and effective patient care. Examples of performance requirements are listed below.**
 - **Physical abilities:** Applicants must have sufficient gross and fine motor skills to move from room to room and walk in hallways; maneuver in small spaces; lift patients as needed (a minimum of 125 lbs. for EMS programs and a minimum of 50 pounds for all other health science programs); grip, reach above shoulder level, bend at the knee, squat, stoop, and crawl; sit or stand for prolonged periods of time; perform CPR; perform safe and effective care; provide healthcare intervention; manipulate small objects dexterously. Applicants must have sufficient tactile, auditory and visual abilities to perform physical assessment necessary in healthcare; auscultate blood pressure, breath, heart and bowel sounds; hear alarms and call bells on units; converse with patients and staff on phone and in person.
 - **Intellectual abilities:** critical thinking sufficient for clinical judgment; prioritize and make rapid decisions under pressure; problem solve
 - **Emotional abilities:** cope with a high level of stress; cope with anger, fear, hostility, or confrontation in a calm manner; concentrate; be flexible and self-directed; demonstrate a high degree of patience; work with families/individuals stressed by the condition of patient; work with other healthcare providers in stressful situations in a professional manner.
 - **Interpersonal abilities:** communicate clearly and correctly in writing and verbally; abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.
- **Computer literacy requirement:** Competency in the use of computers is a requirement for all degree-seeking students at CF. Students enrolled in the program will be considered to have met the computer literacy requirement based on successful completion of the course DES1502 Dental Office Management.

All Health Sciences programs are restricted to applicants who have met specific requirements. Data provided is informational only and not intended to be contractual in nature. Information is subject to change without notice.

Full-time employment is strongly discouraged while enrolled in the Dental Hygiene program. This is an academically demanding program, as are all CF Health Science programs. Students need to be prepared to spend a minimum of two or three hours each day studying and practicing skills outside of the scheduled classroom or laboratory activities. Reliable transportation will be necessary. Students are responsible for making their own transportation arrangements for various assigned clinical rotations during all five semesters enrolled in the program. Several clinical sites are located outside of the Ocala area. No guarantees will be made that students can remain in the Ocala area for all clinical rotations.

PROGRAM COST FOR DENTAL HYGIENE

Application Process

CF Application Fee	30.00
PERT Test	15.00

Tuition (per credit hour)

	FL Resident, \$112.92	Non-Resident, \$438.20
32 credits – General Education	\$3,613.44	\$14,022.40
56 credits – Hygiene Core	\$6,323.52	\$24,539.20

Additional Program Costs

Physical Exam	50.00
Vaccinations (estimated)	350.00
CPR (book and class)	55.00
Uniforms (estimate for 2 uniforms, jacket, shoes)	350.00
Criminal Background Check	55.00
Student Background Check	40.00
Drug Screening	29.00
Clinical Compliance Tracker	38.00
Instruments (placed in first semester lab fees)	3,275.00
Loupes (placed in second semester lab fees)	1,000.00
Textbooks – hygiene courses	TBD
Lab Fees – general education courses	60.00
Lab Fees – hygiene courses (all other fees not including instruments, loupes and licensing costs)	TBD

End of Program Costs

Graduation Pin	65.00
Dental Hygiene Licensing Exams (placed in final semester lab fees) - National Board, ADEX, Florida	
Laws/Rules	1,490.00
Application/Licensure Fee	130.00

Please note that all the above are estimated costs and are subject to change.



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**DENTAL HYGIENE
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CF ID No.: _____

Legal Name: _____
Last First Middle (complete) Jr., etc.

Mailing Address: _____
Street/PO Box City State ZIP Code County

Year you would like to begin the program? August _____

Telephone: _____
Home (include area code) Cell (include area code) Work (include area code)

Email: _____

List all colleges or schools attended, regardless of credit earned, including the College of Central Florida. List only college degrees and certificates that have already been earned, not in the process of earning. (Use extra paper if necessary and attach.)

College	Dates Attended	Degree Earned

Please list any professional license or certifications:

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misinterpretation or falsification of information is cause of denial of admission or expulsion from the college. I understand that illegal use, possession and/or misuse of any mind-altering substances are reasons for immediate dismissal from any programs in the Health Sciences Division. I understand that any arrests revealed on a criminal background check could be reason for denial of application or immediate dismissal from any program in the Health Sciences Division. I understand that I will be exposed to blood and other bodily fluids that could contain infectious diseases; however, I will follow all recommended guidelines for prevention of disease transmission.

 Signature of Applicant Date (MM/DD/YY)

**Schedule an appointment to submit your program application by contacting
 Jeanine Cady at cadyj@cf.edu or 352-854-2322, ext. 1714.**

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