



Dear Successful Applicant:

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

You have been successful in securing a position within the Dental Hygiene program here at St. Clair College.

This program is an over-subscribed program at the college, and we are very pleased to offer you the opportunity to begin your study of this exciting field with us.

It is imperative to your success that, before accepting this position, you are aware of the challenges involved. The course is delivered over a period of three years of study. We are so grateful that we operate a community dental clinic at St. Clair College within the School of Health Sciences. Along with an intense delivery of theoretical courses, the majority of your clinical experiences will be on site, within our community dental clinic. You will also be required to complete two semesters in year 3 of community clinical placement rotations.

Once again, we welcome you to the program and look forward to assisting you on the road to a rewarding career in dental hygiene.

Best regards,

School of Health Sciences



First Year Dental Hygiene Program

(Dental Hygiene Year I – Fall 2023)

DENTAL HYGIENE CLINICAL AND LABORATORY KIT (2023)

The Dental hygiene clinical/laboratory kit, approximately \$3,249.94 is a part of your year 1 tuition fee. The kit will contain a combination of items necessary for both clinical and lab requirements. The kit is updated and approved annually, so no used or alternate kit arrangements can be made. Kit items are purchased at special institutional bulk pricing and are the best value available.

TEXTBOOKS

Please contact the campus bookstore for the textbooks required for the dental hygiene program.

ORIENTATION DAY

Please note that the orientation session for the Dental Hygiene program will be held at the end of August. You will receive more information regarding the orientation.

CLINIC ATTIRE

Clinical uniforms -- Each student is to purchase scrub-type uniforms with custom embroidery from the **campus bookstore**. Students should contact Shae Dow (SDow@stclaircollege.ca) or Fran Scussolin (fscussolin@stclaircollege.ca or at Ext. 4281) as soon as possible for more information.

Safety glasses – Safety glasses with side shields are mandatory for clinic and lab. Note: If you wear prescription glasses you will still need to purchase safety glasses that fit over top of your prescription glasses.

Clinic shoes – Clinic shoe design is to be appropriate for clinic wear. Either white/black duty shoes or white/black leather running shoes (that can be cleaned) are acceptable. Running shoes should not be canvas and no platform soles will be accepted.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

The following PPE will be supplied by the dental clinic:

Face masks (level 3)

N95 masks

Surgical gloves

Isolation gowns

Face shield

LABORATORY ATTIRE

It will be necessary for you to purchase one (1) knee length white lab coat for use in the laboratory sessions. Lab coats may be purchased from any retail supplier or from the campus bookstore.

Optional is the purchase of a white or black jacket length lab coat for use in clinic, worn over your scrub uniform if you find you tend to be cold.

(Note: knee length lab coats will **not** be permitted in clinic over uniforms; they are only worn over street clothes in the lab.)

CLINICAL CLIENTS

Concerning client recruitment, you are responsible for obtaining the appropriate number and type of clients necessary to successfully complete the clinical component of the program. The St. Clair College Dental Clinic recall system and our dental receptionist will help you with this endeavor, but the onus for client recruitment is your responsibility. Our client pool is large, but you will need to book your own clients, screen them, and participate in recruitment activities.

PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Refer to the Placement Tab on the Dental Hygiene website for all placement requirements including medical requirements.

<https://www.stclaircollege.ca/programs/dental-hygiene>