DENTAL HYGIENE LINKAGE AGREEMENT

Valencia College
And
Lake Sumter State College

A.S. DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

In an effort to provide continuing career opportunities for students to advance, Valencia College’s Dental Hygiene program has developed a linkage agreement with Lake-Sumter State College. Through this agreement, Lake-Sumter State College students can gain entrance into Valencia’s Dental Hygiene program.

Valencia’s program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, a specialized body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and the United States Department of Education. Graduates are eligible to take the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination and any state or regional examination for licensure as a registered dental hygienist. Graduates will also receive a certificate in expanded duties recognized by the Florida State of Dentistry.

Each year, Valencia will reserve class positions for four (4) qualified students from Lake-Sumter State College. These students must meet the basic admission requirements (Appendix A) and be in the top 50% of the applicant pool to be selected. Although successful completion of the stated prerequisites qualifies a student for application, in order to be more competitive for admission applicants are encouraged to take additional general education courses in the dental hygiene curriculum. Lake-Sumter State College will be responsible for the selection of qualified applicants identified to participate in the linkage program.

Students are admitted to Valencia’s Dental Hygiene program once a year. The deadline for submission of students’ credentials to Valencia is January 15th. After this date, the reserved class positions may be released. The program begins in the Summer Term and consists of six sessions during a two-year period.

The 2015-2016 criteria for admission to Valencia College’s Dental Hygiene program are listed in Appendix A.

Additional information about the Dental Hygiene program application and course requirements can be found in the current Dental Hygiene program guide at http://valenciacollege.edu/west/health/admissionupdates.cfm#Dental

Lake Sumter State College will be responsible for the academic advising of its students and for obtaining current program information annually.

Applying for admission through the linkage agreement does not preclude any student from making application directly to Valencia. This agreement will be in effect for two (2) years. This agreement may be terminated by any of the parties with six months prior notice. Valencia reserves the right to deny admission of unqualified students to the program.
Valencia College shall provide the following:
   a. Student support services
   b. Marketing materials for distribution at partner sites
   c. Potential scholarship opportunities

Lake-Sumter State College shall provide the following:
   a. Program information and marketing materials to the students and graduates
   b. Host information sessions, as needed, to be conducted by Valencia faculty and/or staff
   c. Link Valencia’s Dental Hygiene program information to its college Web site
   d. Awareness of Valencia’s Dental Hygiene program with college advising staff

APPROVED:

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APPENDIX A

LINKAGE AGREEMENT ADMISSION CRITERIA

Listed below are the criteria for admission to the Valencia College Dental Hygiene program (must be completed prior to the Dental Hygiene application deadline of January 15th):

- Review the general admission requirements for Health Sciences programs in the Admissions section of Valencia’s catalog.
- Read the Dental Hygiene Program Guide in its entirety and confirm you are capable of meeting the Core Performance Standards listed within the guide (any admission updates will be posted here as well): http://valenciacollege.edu/west/health/admissionupdates.cfm#Dental
- Be a U.S. Citizen or a U.S. permanent resident.
- Attend a Health Sciences Information Session (strongly recommended). Information Session dates are posted on the Health Sciences website: valenciacollege.edu/health.
- Submit a completed Valencia application for admission via Valencia’s website at: valenciacollege.edu/futureStudents/admissions/ and pay the application fee; satisfy the requirements for Degree Seeking Status, including the submission of all official transcripts, and be in Active Student Status.
- Satisfy the college entry testing requirements and satisfactorily complete all mandatory courses in reading, student success, mathematics, English, and English for Academic Purposes in which you are placed.
- Complete the Dental Hygiene Prerequisites for Admission with minimum grade of “C”:
  (The grade for each course must be posted to your Valencia transcript)
  - BSC 2093C Anatomy & Physiology I
  - BSC 2094C Anatomy & Physiology II
  - MCB 2010C Microbiology
  - ENC 1101 Freshman Composition
- Have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.5, including all transfer work.
- Successfully complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with scores posted to your Valencia record. The examination fee is the responsibility of the student. Information about the TEAS may be found at valenciacollege.edu/assessments. TEAS scores may be used for five years.
- Submit a completed Valencia Dental Hygiene Program application, pay the $15 non-refundable Health Sciences Program application fee, and submit the required documentation. The application can be found at www.valenciacollege.edu/health.

NOTE:
All students accepted to Health Sciences program, are required to submit to a criminal background check, fingerprinting and drug testing, as well as provide documentation of specific immunizations and CPR certification following acceptance to a program.