**HM Dental Hygiene Program L35A Information Packet**

As one of the Medical Enlisted Community unique Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC), the HM Dental Hygiene Program (HM HYG) is designed for motivated E4 – E6 seeking greater responsibility in promoting oral health by providing clinical dental hygiene care and education to Active Duty and other eligible beneficiaries throughout the fleet.

Dental Hygienist in a clinical role assess, plan, implement, evaluate, and document treatment for prevention, intervention, and control of oral diseases, while practicing in collaboration with other health professionals. Dental Hygienist performs patient health screenings, periodontal therapy, apply fluoride and sealants, expose and process dental radiographs, provide nutrition counseling and evaluate patient’s oral health.

The HM HYG Program is a two-year course of study. Sailors who successfully complete the program will receive an Associate of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene and eligible to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree. In collaboration with the Navy, the HM HYG Program is offered at Pensacola State College (PSC) located in Pensacola Florida and Coastal Carolina Community College (CCCC) located in Jacksonville North Carolina. The program is currently limited to fourteen seats per academic year. Sailors interested in submitting a package for the DH HYG Program must meet Navy requirements and admission criteria before being accepted.

**HM HYG Program Prerequisites Requirements**

Following the Navy screening process (*please refer to the L35A Catalog of Navy Training Courses (CANTRAC) for screening guidance*), the two affiliated academic institution will select the most qualified applicants from the Navy selection list. Applicants will be applying to the Navy Dental Hygiene Program, *NOT* the affiliated academic institutions. At *NO* time will applicants contact the individual institutions regarding the selection process. However, applicants are encouraged to apply directly to the institutions and submit a preadmission letter with their package. *Note, a preadmission letter is not a guarantee of acceptance into the program.*

***Entry Requirements*** - ***These courses must be completed to be eligible for admission.***

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| **CCCC** | **PSC** |
| **English Composition 100 level or above** | **English Composition 100 level or above** |
| **College Algebra MAT 100 level or above** | **College Algebra MAT 100 level or above** |
| **College Chemistry 100 Level or above with lab** | **College Chemistry 100 Level or above with lab** |
|  | **Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab** |
|  | **Microbiology with Lab** |

**This is an extremely competitive program and applicants are highly encouraged to complete all course requirements prior to submitting their package.**

**Quotas**

Pensacola State College – 10 Seats

Coastal Carolina Community College – 4 Seats

**Application / Package Due Date**

Program applications are accepted all year-round for consideration in the upcoming academic year. Packages received after **30 September** of each year will be held over for consideration for the following academic year.

**DH HYG Program Incentive**

Selective Training and Reenlistment (STAR) – E4 to E5 (Zone A)

Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) up to $90K (Zone B and C)

Civilian credentials National Certification and Federal / State Licenses

**For more information on NEC incentives, contact your Command Career Counselor.**

**Package Check List**

* 1306/7
* Letter of recommendation: Dentist / Periodontist / medical Officer
* Dental Hygiene Application (Encl (1))
* Copy of Last 3 Performance Evaluation
* Completed PMK-EE
* Completed Enlisted Leader Development Courses (FLDC-E3-E4, ILDC-E5, ALDC–E6)
* NAVPERS 1070/604 Enlisted Qualification History
* NAVPERS 1070/605 History of Assignments
* Copy of full PRIMS Report
* Medical/Dental screening forms: NAVMED 1300/1, DD2807, DD2808
* Page 13 (Guidance concerning pregnancy and/or utilization tour assignment
* Financial Screening / Counseling
* Copy of Joint Service Transcript (ONLY ACADEMIC INSTITUTION COURSES)
* Unofficial College Transcripts (High School Transcripts if applicable)
* Prerequisite courses completed:

**CCC CONSIDERATIONS**

Will the Sailor be in Zone B or C upon graduation and eligible for L35A SRB? If not, Sailors in Zone A are eligible for Quad Zero SRB.

**STAR:** 5-year requirement per current Career School Listing (CSL). STAR can be submitted prior to PCS and reporting to Dental Hygiene C-School or upon graduation from Dental Hygiene C-School. ***STAR can be combined with SRB****.* If the request for STAR is submitted prior to reporting to Dental Hygiene C-School, the member will not be eligible to reenlist for the L35A SRB upon graduation.

Dental Hygiene C-School is two years (24 months) long. Consider submitting Obliserv to Train (OTT) extension to cover C-School training period in lieu of reenlistment. This will allow Sailors to reenlist for SRB upon graduating the (2) year program.

Obligated service in excess of 16 years total active military service may not be used to computed SRB unless otherwise delineated by a current NAVADMIN.

**TIMELINES**

Packages are accepted all year-round. ***30 September*** of each year is the cutoff for applicants seeking acceptance into the upcoming academic year. *Packages received prior to 30 September 2024, will be considered for the academic year starting in May/Summer of 2025.*

All applicants are notified of the status of their application in ***November.*** Applicants NOT selected will receive feedback from the Dental Hygiene Program Manager.

Applicants selected for the upcoming class are advised to complete the application process for PSC or CCCC in ***January.***

No Later than Report date is in ***April.***

Academic year begins in ***May.***

**How to Submit Packages**

Email: usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.list.nmlpdc-hmdentalhygieneprog@health.mil

**PROGRAM MANAGER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Submit packages as early as possible. Packages are reviewed as they are received to verify all required document were included. This provides the opportunity for feedback and time to address any issue or concern such as missing documentation.

Notify detailer of intentions to apply to the Dental Hygiene program.

**Prior to enrolling in prerequisite courses, verify the accreditation of the learning institution, course level and if the credits will transfer over. Applicants are encouraged to contact PSC and CCCC administration office to verify courses.**

Aim to complete the prerequisite requirements for Pensacola State College. Completing the prerequisites for PSC will fulfill prerequisite requirements for both colleges making both college an option. While CCCC only requires three prerequisites’ courses, only 4 seats are available per year compared to PSC 10 seats.