



### Dental Hygiene Observation Verification

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Howard College Dental Hygiene is committed to providing an educational experience enriched by personal and professional growth, therefore the application process begins with an introduction to the role of the dental hygienist within the dental team. To be considered for acceptance, you must observe these pre-selected dental/dental hygiene procedures.

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**You must complete a minimum of 30 hours of observation and include procedures described below:**

Here's what you need to do:

- Call a dental office or clinic and arrange a time to observe procedures detailed below. The procedures are commonly performed in a general practice setting that employs a dental hygienist. Some specialty offices may provide procedures on a regular basis, however, probably not all. For example, a periodontist's office rarely places dental fillings.
- Arrive on time for the observation and dress appropriately (wear clean and neat clothing, no tattered jeans or shirts).
- Observe the procedures listed below (or obtain your dentist employer's signature). Observe the role of the doctor, the dental hygienist, the dental assistant, and the front office staff for each procedure.
- Obtain signatures and requested information from the dentist and the dental hygienist confirming your observations. Submit a business card from each office as well.
- If you have submitted a completed observation form with a previous Program application you do not have to do the observations again. HOWEVER, call the Dental Hygiene Program Office and confirm that we have the completed form on file (432) 264-5065.



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## DENTAL HYGIENE

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Procedure	Common Procedure Code	Dental Hygienist's Name (printed)	Dental Hygienist's Signature	License Number	Date Observed	Total # Hours Observed at this Office
A routine dental Cleaning	01110 (1 appointment)					
Procedure	Common Procedure Code	Dental Hygienist's Name (printed)	Dental Hygienist's Signature	License Number	Date Observed	Total # Hours Observed at this Office
Periodontal scaling case	04341 (2 appointments)					
Procedure	Common Procedure Code	Dentist's Name (printed)	Dentist's Signature	License Number	Date Observed	Total # Hours Observed at this Office
Some sort of Restorative case (filling or crown prep)	Varies (1 appointment)					

\*\*For example, you could observe the preparation and placement of a dental amalgam or tooth colored filling or the preparation for an inlay/onlay/crown. The goal is to witness at least part of the restorative process and the interaction between the doctor and the dental assistant. Submit a business card from each office observed.

If you are employed in a dental setting or have worked for a dentist, you may ask your employer to confirm that you have witnessed the above procedures and have observed the dental practice environment. Submit a business card from your employer.

Dentist Employer's Name (Printed)	Dentist Employer Signature	DDS License #	Dates of Employment From To