Interview Criteria

15% Appearance
Does the candidate exhibit the proper attire and grooming for entry into a professional program? Can the candidate meet the appearance standards established in the Program Policies concerning hair color, fingernail length, body piercing, visible tattoos, and other similar requirements?

15% Professionalism
The overall demeanor of the candidate meets the requirements of the profession. The candidate recognizes this to be a profession with behavior expectations from the fields of Allied Health and Dentistry as well as the school, the program, and the public.

15% Communication Skills
The candidate demonstrates the ability to speak and understand English which is a requirement for success with the National Board examination. This skill is also required to enable him/her to properly educate patients, present Table Clinics, and speak to groups of people.

15% Determination to Meet Program Requirements
The candidate demonstrates the strength of character needed to complete the program. He/She shows a true interest in the profession and possesses the ability to follow directions through to completion.

15% Ability to Answer Questions
The candidate possesses the ability to understand questions concerning dental hygiene, and demonstrates the ability to interact with the Dental Hygiene Selection Committee and answer the questions with skill.

25% Panel Discussion
1) Does the candidate show the potential to succeed in the program?
2) Does the candidate show the potential to learn to properly educate his/her patients?
3) Does the candidate show the potential to meet the didactic rigors of the program and pass the National Board examination?
4) Does the candidate show the potential to acquire the skills needed to pass the CRDTS clinical examination and treat patients in a safe manner?
5) Does the candidate show the potential to be employable in the fields of Healthcare and Dental Hygiene?