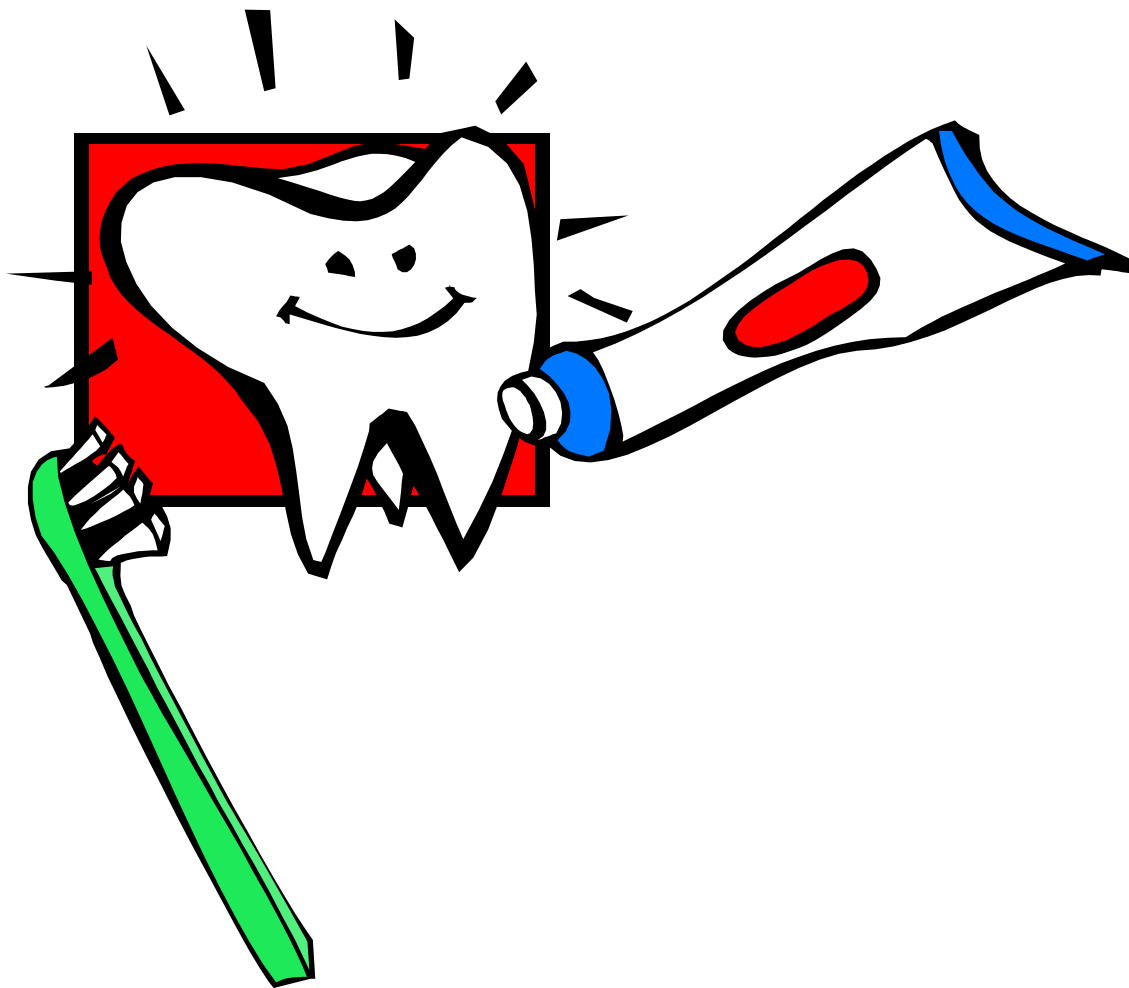


# Dental Hygiene Information Booklet



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**This booklet has been prepared to answer the questions most commonly asked by prospective students interested in Hostos Community College's Dental Hygiene Program.**

**1. How accurate is the information in this booklet?**

This booklet is revised, updated and reprinted every July. *The new booklet will replace and void all previous versions.* The information in this booklet was accurate as of the date on the cover. However, rules, regulations, tuition, student activity fees, etc., are subject to change.

For the most up-to-date information, you should contact a faculty member from the Dental Hygiene Program. Advisement by non-Dental Hygiene faculty may result in misinformation and may cause lost time and/or effort.

**2. Who should I go to for the most up-to-date information about the program?**

You should contact a faculty member from the Dental Hygiene Program. The department is located at 475 Grand Concourse, on the fourth floor. This is also called the “A” building or the “Allied Health” building. The phone number is:

**(718) 518-4234**

The following faculty and staff are available to answer your questions:

Prof. M. Errico, <i>Program Coordinator</i> .....	A-420
Prof. J. Bencosme .....	A-421
Ms. D. Brown, CLT .....	A-430-B
Prof. J. Dais.....	A-423
Prof. J. Jackson .....	A-430-C
Prof. M. Navedo.....	A-430-D
Prof. A. Pastoriza Maldonado .....	A-422
Ms. J. Perez, <i>Secretary</i> .....	A-419
Prof. J. Rover .....	A-430-E
Mrs. J. Silverio, Clinic Receptionist .....	A-430-A

**3. Can a new freshman or transfer student enter directly into the program?**

The City University of New York (CUNY) maintains an open enrollment policy. Anyone who wishes to enter Hostos and declare Dental Hygiene as their major is encouraged to do so. However, students may not progress into the clinical phase of the program until they have satisfied all the pre-clinical criteria.

If you wish to enroll at Hostos, please contact the office of *Admissions and Recruitment, Savoy Manor, 120 East 149th Street, room 210, or 500 Grand Concourse, main floor (718) 518-7901.*

NOTE:

*Acceptance into Hostos does not guarantee progression into the clinical phase of the program.*

**4. Is there a waiting list for the program?**

No. But, there are many students in the process of completing their pre-clinical course work. After completing the prerequisites—and if they have the required cumulative GPA—they will advance into the clinical phase of the program with the next group. A new group begins every September (Fall semester).

**5. How long is the program?**

You must attend school full-time for **two (2) years**—including one summer—from the start of the clinical phase of the program. The Dental Hygiene Program offers a two and three consecutive semester Dental Hygiene course of study. The **Extended Three-Year Program** is target for those students who are academically compromised by family as well as financial obligations. By using staggered admissions, it delays entrance into the clinical component of the program until the basic dental hygiene courses are satisfactorily underway. Students take longer to graduate, but participate in a less contact hours at the college before they are mainstreamed into the regular program. (See page \_\_\_ to see the difference between a two-year and a three-year chart.

**6. What is the Clinical Phase and when does the clinical phase of the program begin?**

Students begin the clinical phase of the program when they progress into Den 5306 - Clinical Dental Hygiene Practice I. This course is only offered in the Fall semester and (September) has a clinical/laboratory component.

## 7. What are the criteria for progression into the clinical phase of the program?

*In order to progress into the clinical phase of the program the student must meet the following criteria:*

- A. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.  
The cumulative GPA reflects the combined GPA for *all* courses taken at Hostos.
- B. Successful completion of all prerequisites for ENG 1302 Expository Writing
- C. Successful completion or exemption of MAT 1622
- D. Selection Process

Each September a new group of students are permitted to advance into the clinical phase of the program. The program utilizes a "*rolling admissions policy*" whereby students are accepted into the group beginning in September immediately after completing all their pre-clinical course work.

- 1) Students who have completed all their prerequisites by the end of the Summer immediately preceding fall semester will be admitted into the clinical phase of the program (for September).
- 2) If additional spaces are available, those students who have completed the prerequisites during the Spring semester will be considered. Transcripts will be reviewed during the summer and students will be notified in July.
- 3) If additional spaces are still available, those students who complete the prerequisites during the summer will be considered.
- 4) If at any time during the admissions process more students qualify than spaces are available, a departmental committee will review transcripts. Admission into the clinical phase of the program will be competitively evaluated based upon the student's evaluation of academic history, cumulative GPA earned and the number of science courses completed by the student.

## 8. What can I do if I do not meet the pre-clinical criteria?

- A. You may take additional courses in Science, English and Math to improve your skills in these areas.
- B. You may take additional courses to bring up your cumulative GPA.
- C. You may choose to take all the required Liberal Arts, general education courses before progressing into the clinical phase of the program.

The Dental Hygiene Program requires dedication, maturity and time. Some students find the curriculum during the clinical phase of the program difficult, due to the large number of courses required each semester. You may choose to spend your first year at Hostos studying the English, Math and Natural Sciences courses that are required for the program.

Students who choose to take all the required Liberal Arts courses decrease the number of classes required once you begin the clinical phase of the program. This is particularly appealing to students who have met the minimum requirements for progression into the clinical phase of the program but who have been out of school for a number of years—or fear the demands of the program may be too great. It allows you to take fewer courses each semester once you advance into the clinical phase of the program because you have already completed many of the required courses; this increases your chances for success.

**Required Liberal Arts courses:**

BIO	3909	Anatomy and Physiology I
BIO	3910	Anatomy and Physiology II
CHE	4012	Introduction the Chemistry I
CHE	4018	Organic Chemistry
ENG	1302	Expository Writing
ENG	1303	Literature and Composition
MAT	1622	Elementary Algebra
PSY	1032	Introduction to Psychology
SOC	1232	Introduction to Sociology
VPA	3612	Fundamental of Public Speaking

**9. Is there any time off during the clinical phase of the program?**

Yes. You will receive a five-week break each summer. You will also receive time off during January, the final exam period, and all the legal holidays observed by the college.

**10. Do I pay full tuition during the summer sessions?**

Yes

**11. How many hours per week is the program?**

The program is full-time, five-days-a-week. You must be available to attend classes Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

**12. What type of degree does a dental hygiene graduate receive?**

Hostos awards graduates of the Dental Hygiene Program an Associate in Applied Sciences (A.A.S.) degree.

**13. Are any of the Dental Hygiene courses taught in Spanish?**

No. All Dental Hygiene courses are taught in English because the National Certification and New York State licensure examinations are only offered in English.

**14. Can I attend Hostos on a part-time basis?**

Yes. You can attend Hostos part-time if you are only taking the Liberal Arts courses. However, once you advance into the clinical phase of the program you must enroll in all sequenced Dental Hygiene courses offered each semester. Dental Hygiene courses are assigned as a complete "block."

**15. Can I register for only a few of the "block" of Dental Hygiene courses?**

No. Once you have been admitted into the clinical phase of the program, you must register for the entire block of sequenced and required Dental Hygiene courses each semester. During the first week of classes, the program coordinator confirms registration into the block.

**16. Is there a specific course sequence I must follow?**

Yes.

**17. What should I do if a dental course is closed?**

If you have successfully completed all the pre-clinical criteria and progressed into the clinical phase of the program, a faculty member from the Dental Hygiene Program will assist you in registering for the course. Please keep in mind that you must register and bursar for all the appropriate Dental Hygiene courses offered each semester. (Bursar means to pay on time)

**18. Can I work while in the program?**

Full or part-time employment is not recommended. Students who have attempted to work a full-time job while pursuing a degree in dental hygiene have a lower success rate. The clinical phase of the program requires many hours of intensive studying while you are also "on-the-job" several days a week. Students who do best are those who are strongly motivated and willing to devote much of their free time to studying. The Extended Three-Year Program is target for those students who are academically compromised by family and financial obligations.

**19. Is it possible to take only early morning classes so I can work part-time during the day?**

No. The mandatory Dental Hygiene courses are only offered during specific times and you must enroll in all the courses when they are offered. You will not be able to work any daytime hours outside Hostos.

**20. Are any Dental Hygiene courses offered in the evening?**

Dental Hygiene courses are offered from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. However, an evening clinic is assigned occasionally on Wednesday or Thursday.

**21. Are any of the Liberal Arts courses offered in the evening?**

Yes. Many of the Liberal Arts courses are offered in the evening. However, once you have progressed into the clinical phase of the program, specific sections are reserved for dental hygiene students.

**22. Why are Liberal Arts courses required?**

To receive an Associate in Applied Sciences (A.A.S.) degree from the City University of New York (CUNY), a specific portion of the course work must be completed in Liberal Arts.

**23. What is the tuition at Hostos?**

Tuition at Hostos is the same as any other branch of CUNY:

Tuition:.....	\$1,260 per semester
Student Activity Fee: .....	\$37 per semester
Consolidation Fee: .....	<u>\$5 per semester</u>
TOTAL: .....	\$1,292 per semester

**\*Tuition for Part-time Matriculated \$105.00 per billable equivalent credit.**

Using the figures provided, the total cost of the six (6) required semesters is approximately **\$7,752**. *However, CUNY fees are subject to periodic increases; therefore, you should contact the office of **Admissions and/or Recruitment, Savoy Manor, 120 East 149th Street, room 210, or 500 Grand Concourse, main floor (718) 518-7901** and ask for Ms. Pat Mabry, **The Dental Hygiene Liaison working in admissions.***

**24. Are there any other expenses?**

**Yes.** Enrollment in the Dental Hygiene Program engages a substantial amount of financial investment since clinical training requires the purchase of equipment supplies material. All students starting the Dental Hygiene curriculum will need to buy all first semester books, equipment, and material by the second week of classes. Therefore, students beginning the program must prepare in advance to pay for these expenses. The following is a list of additional expenses.

**First Semester**

Books.....	\$500.00
Instruments.....	\$640.00
Supplies.....	\$ 50.00
Lab Coat.....	\$ 40.00
White Shoes.....	\$ 40.00
SADHA Dues.....	\$ 25.00
Perio Models.....	\$220.50
Malpractice Insurance...	\$ 17.50*

**Second Semester**

Books.....	\$250.00
Uniform.....	\$ 55.00
Lab Coat.....	\$ 40.00
Clinic Supplies.....	\$ 30.00
Handpiece.....	\$295.00

**Summer Semester**

Books.....	.\$150.00
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**Third Semester**

Books.....	\$250.00
Instruments.....	\$100.00
SADHA/SNDHA/ SHDA dues .....	\$ 60.00
Clinic Supplies.....	\$ 75.00
Malpractice Insurance.....	\$ 17.50*

**Fourth Semester**

Books.....	\$300.00
<b>Fees for Licensure Examination</b>	
-NERB.....	\$500.00
-National.....	\$100.00
NYU-Site Registration	
SADHA Conference.....	\$150.00**
NY State Registration.....	\$125.00
Pins.....	\$ 30.00
Clinic Supplies.....	\$ 60.00

\*It is **MANDATORY** for Dental Hygiene Students progressing into the clinical phase to have Malpractice Insurance.

**NOTE:** Students applying for financial aid should include these expenses. The grand total of \$3,840.00 can make a significant financial impact.

**25. Is financial assistance available?**

**Yes.** Specially trained personnel are available to assist qualified students in obtaining financial aid. For specific information about procedures and deadlines, please contact the office of *Financial Aid, Savoy Manor, 120 East 149th Street, room B111 (basement), (718) 518-6555.*

## **26. How difficult are the Dental Hygiene courses?**

The level of difficulty is the same as any other comparable allied health program. To succeed you need to be very motivated and prepared to spend the necessary amount of time studying. How difficult a student views the program has more to do with how prepared they are when they enter the program, whether they are experiencing outside distractions, and how motivated they are.

If this is of great concern to you, you may consider taking all the Liberal Arts courses before progressing into the clinical phase of the program.

## **27. What happens if I fail a course?**

Dental Hygiene students **are** required to maintain a grade point average of 2.0 for each semester of the program. Failure of two (2) Dental Hygiene courses **will** result in immediate dismissal from the program. A student may only repeat a Dental Hygiene course once; assuring that the overall GPA is 2.0 and above. The basic criteria for grading in the Dental Hygiene Program in all Dental courses are:

A	93-100
B	83-92
C	75-92
D	70-74
F	Grade below 70

Performance of “**D**” in **ANY** course required in the dental hygiene program is unsatisfactory and **NOT** accepted in the program. A grade of “**C**” is minimal accepted performance for any of the listed dental hygiene **program required courses**. Courses, for which a “**D**” grade is earned, must be repeated if the student is recommended by the faculty to remain in the program.

## **28. Is there a lot of teacher-student contact during the program?**

Yes. You will be closely supervised throughout the clinical phase of the program. Professors who are licensed and registered in the dental field teach all dental lectures, laboratory and clinical laboratory sections. You will also have a faculty advisor who would be assigned to you for any questions or problems that may arise.

## **29. How much math and science are/is required before entering into the program?**

Only one college-level math course is required before advancing into the clinical phase of the program.

**30. If I am weak in math or science is it still possible for me to make it through the program?**

The college provides free peer tutoring, as funds become available. In the past, the following subjects have received funding: mathematics, algebra, biology and all the radiologic science courses.

**31. If I have already completed all the Liberal Arts courses, how long is the program?**

The clinical phase of the program will still take you two (2) more years of study—including one summer session. The dental hygiene courses are not affected by the Liberal Arts courses completed. On the positive side, you will be taking fewer courses each semester.

**32. What is the curriculum for the Dental Hygiene Program at Hostos?**

A copy of the curriculum appears on the next two pages. The courses are distributed among two academic disciplines: Liberal Arts and Dental Hygiene.

**Personal Notes:**

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**Hostos Community College – Dental Hygiene Program**  
**Curriculum of Studies Leading to the**  
**A.A.S. Degree in Dental Hygiene**

**FIRST YEAR\*/First Semester**

Bio 3909	Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4.0
CHE 4012	Introduction to Chemistry I (Lecture and Laboratory).....	4.0
DEN 5302	Oral Anatomy and Physiology (Lecture and Laboratory).....	2.0
DEN 5303	Head and Neck Anatomy.....	1.5
DEN 5306	Clinical Dental Hygiene Practice I.....	2.0
ENG 1302	Expository Writing.....	3.0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>16.5</b>

**Second Semester**

BIO 3910	Anatomy and Physiology II I (Lecture and Laboratory).....	4.0
CHE 4018	Organic Chemistry.....	2.0
DEN 5308	Clinical Dental Hygiene Practice II.....	1.5
DEN 5310	Clinic I.....	3.0
DEN 5316	Dental Radiology I: Basic Concepts (Lecture and Laboratory).....	1.0
DEN 5318	Oral Microbiology (Lecture and Laboratory).....	1.5
DEN 5334	Oral Embryology and Histology.....	1.0
ENG 1303	Literature and Composition.....	3.0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>17.5</b>

**Summer**

DEN 5315	Nutrition.....	2.0
DEN 5317	Dental Radiology II: Technique and Interpretation (Lecture and Laboratory).....	2.0
DEN 5332	Dental Materials.....	2.0
CPR**	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.....	0.0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6.0</b>

**SECOND YEAR/Third Semester**

DEN 5312	Clinic II.....	4.0
DEN 5320	General and Oral Pathology.....	1.5
DEN 5324	Periodontology.....	1.5
DEN 5327	Dental Health Education.....	1.5
DEN 5329	Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene Practice.....	1.5
PSY 1032	Introduction to Psychology.....	3.0
VPA 3612	Fundamental of Public Speaking.....	3.0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>16.0</b>

**Fourth Semester**

DEN 5314	Clinic III.....	4.0
DEN 5322	Community Dental Health.....	1.5
DEN 5325	Pharmacology.....	1.5
DEN 5330	Dental Specialties.....	1.0
DEN 5331	Ethics, Jurisprudence and Practice Management.....	1.5
DEN 5333	Senior Seminar.....	1.5
SOC 1232	Introduction to Sociology.....	3.0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>70.0</b>

\* Students requiring remedial math will take MAT 1604 in lieu of ENG 13402. This group of students will take ENG 1302 the second semester of the freshman year.

\*\* CPR – Considered part of the curriculum and taught as an eight-hour day seminar during the summer.

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**EXTENDED THREE-YEAR PROGRAM**

**FIRST YEAR\***

**First Semester**

BIO 3909	Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4.0
CHE 4012	Introduction to Chemistry I (Lecture and Laboratory).....	4.0
DEN 5302	Oral Anatomy and Physiology (Lecture and Laboratory).....	2.0
DEN 5303	Head and Neck Anatomy.....	1.5
ENG 1302		3.0
MAT 1604	Basic Mathematic Skills for Science Students	1.0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>15.5or 12.5</b>

**Second Semester**

BIO 3910	Anatomy and Physiology II I (Lecture and Laboratory).....	4.0
CHE 4018	Principles of Organic Chemistry.....	2.0
DEN 5318	Oral Microbiology (Lecture and Laboratory).....	1.5
DEN 5334	Oral Embryology and Histology.....	1.5
ENG 1302		3.0
<b>Elective</b>		
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12.0</b>

**Summer**

DEN 5315	Nutrition.....	2.0
CPR**	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.....	0.0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2.0</b>

**SECOND YEAR**

**Third Semester**

DEN 5306	Clinical Dental Hygiene Practice Lec. & Lab .....	2.0
ENG 1303		3.0
PSY 1032	Introduction to Psychology.....	3.0
VPA 3612	Fundamental of Public Speaking.....	3.0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>11.0</b>

**Fourth Semester**

DEN 5308	Clinical Dental Hygiene Practice II.....	4.0
DEN 5310	Clinic .....	3.0
DEN 5316	Radiology I: Basic Concepts.....	1.0
SOC 1232	Introduction to Sociology.....	3.0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8.5</b>

**Summer**

DEN 5317	Dental Radiology II: Technique and Interpretation & Lab .....	2.0
DEN 5332	Dental Materials.....	2.0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4.0</b>

**Fifth Semester**

DEN 5312	Clinic II.....	4.0
DEN 5320	General and Oral Pathology.....	1.5
DEN 5324	Periodontology.....	1.5
DEN 5327	Dental Health Education.....	1.5
DEN 5329	Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene Practice.....	1.5
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10.0</b>

**Sixth Semester**

DEN 5314	Clinic III.....	6.0
DEN 5322	Community Dental Health.....	1.5
DEN 5325	Pharmacology.....	1.5
DEN 5330	Dental Specialties.....	1.0
DEN 5331	Ethics, Jurisprudence and Practice Management.....	1.5
DEN 5333	Senior Seminar.....	1.5
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>13.0</b>

DEN 5324 may be taken in 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester

\*\* DEN 5331 may be taken in 4<sup>th</sup> Semester

This is how your schedule as a “Freshmen student” will look for the Fall Semester depending on which group you will be. This schedule does not reflect the liberal art courses like “Bio, Che, Eng, etc.

TERM: Fall 2003 **Freshmen - Group “A”**  
(specify)

Hour	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>8:00 9:15</b>	Den 5302 Sec. 12211 8:00-9:15 Prof. Rover/Dais	Den 5306/Lab Sec. 25711 8:00-11:00 Team Taught	Den 5302 Sec. 12211 8:00-9:15 Prof. Rover/Dais	Den 5306/Lab Sec. 25711 8:00-11:00 Team Taught	
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<b>3:30 4:45</b>					
<b>5:30 6:45</b>					
<b>7:00 8:15</b>					
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This is how your schedule as a “Freshmen student” will look for the Fall Semester depending on which group you will be. This schedule does not reflect the liberal art courses like “Bio, Che, Eng, etc.

TERM: Fall 2003 **Freshmen - Group “B”**  
 (specify)

Hour	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>8:00 9:15</b>	Den 5306 Sec. 15711 8:00-9:15 Dr. Pastoriza		Den 5306 Sec. 15711 8:00-9:15 Dr. Pastoriza		
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