

Dental Hygiene

This program is offered **Online**.

Program Description

SJVC's Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene Program may be completed in 50 weeks. The program is designed for Registered Dental Hygienists having graduated from a CODA-accredited associate degree Dental Hygiene program who want to advance their career. The Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene affords excellent opportunities for professional growth and development with the necessary education in leadership, education, and research.



Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the successful student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate effective communication and presentation skills for diverse audiences
2. Critically evaluate information from multiple sources for application in professional settings
3. Apply current research and data interpretation techniques to identify and evaluate solutions for emergent issues impacting the profession
4. Apply critical thinking and evidence-based decision-making in dental hygiene education and health promotion
5. Utilize interprofessional collaboration to enhance patient-centered care

Admission Requirements: To be considered for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Hold an Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene from a CODA-accredited associate of science degree dental hygiene program from a regionally or nationally accredited institution
- Successful completion of a minimum of 80.0 units of lower-division courses
- Hold a current, unencumbered credential licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) in California or in the state of current employment

Graduation Requirements: Successful completion of the courses listed below with a grade of "C" or higher.

Credential and Professional Certifications

Graduates earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene.

Graduate Placement

The following job categories are considered in-field placements for graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program. Detailed information for each Standard Occupational Code (SOC) can be found at <http://www.onetonline.org/>.

- Dental Hygienists (29-2021.00)
- Clinical Research Coordinators (11-9121.01)
- Health Educators (21-1091.00)
- Medical and Health Services Managers (11-9111.00)

Core Course Requirements

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
DH 401	Teaching Dental Hygiene Theory and Practice	4.0
DH 420	Community Oral Health Assessment and Program Planning	4.0
DH 441	Dental Practice Management	5.0
HC 403	Health Care Law and Ethics	3.0
HC 430	Establishing Best Practices in Quality Improvement of Healthcare	4.0
HC 440	Research and Evidence-Based Practice in Healthcare	5.0
HC 470	Research Capstone	5.0
Total		30.0

General Education Course Requirements

ENG 321	Writing for Research	4.0
PHIL 300	Critical Thinking for Health Professionals	4.0
STS 301	Introduction to Statistics	4.0

Total GE **12.0**

Transfer Credit **80.0**

Program Total **122.00**