

Course Listing\*

CORE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

COURSE ID	COURSE NAME	CREDIT UNITS
TERM 1		
DH 16	Introduction to Clinic	3.0
DH 114	Introduction to Clinic Lab	2.0
DH 13	Dental Health Education	2.0
DH 11	Oral Radiology	2.0
DH 101	Oral Biology	3.0
DH 105	Head and Neck Anatomy	3.0
DH 115	Oral Radiology Lab	2.0
DH 18	Periodontics 1	1.0
TERM 2		
DH 24	Clinic Seminar 1	1.0
DH 124	Clinic Seminar 1 Lab	1.0
DH 22	Patient Management and Geriatrics	2.0
DH 129	Clinical Practice 1	3.0
DH 21	General and Oral Pathology	4.0
DH 26	Community Oral Health	2.0
DH 27	Local Anesthesia	2.0
DH 120	Local Anesthesia Lab	1.0
DH 28	Periodontics 2	1.0
TERM 3		
DH 399**	Dental Hygiene Review Seminar 1	CR
DH 31	Applied Pharmacology	3.0
DH 33	Clinical Seminar 2 – Advanced Clinical Topics	1.0
DH 133	Clinical Seminar 2 Lab – Advanced Clinical Topics	1.0
DH 135	Clinical Practice 2	4.0
DH 32	Dental Materials	2.0
DH 132	Dental Materials Lab	1.0
DH 36	Cultural Diversity and Healthcare	1.0
DH 38	Periodontics 3	2.0
TERM 4		
DH 46	Legal and Ethical Responsibilities	2.0
DH 143	Clinical Practice 3	5.0
DH 499**	Dental Hygiene Review Seminar 2	1.0
DH 45	Nutrition	2.0
DH 42	Clinical Seminar 3	2.0
DH 48	Periodontics 4	2.0
A.S. DEGREE TOTAL		64.0

Institutional Accreditation

San Joaquin Valley College is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 1080 Marina Village Parkway, Suite 500, Alameda, CA 94501, (510)748-9001 (<https://www.wscuc.org>). The WSCUC is an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

California State Approval

SJVC is a private institution and is approved to operate as an accredited institution by the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE). Approval to operate means that SJVC has been found in compliance with the standards set forth in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (as amended) and Title 5, Division 7.5, - Private Postsecondary Education of the California Code of Regulations. As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review the catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you prior to signing an enrollment agreement.

Consumer Information

San Joaquin Valley College publishes important consumer information for all programs and campus locations. For comprehensive consumer information, visit [consumerinfo.sjvc.edu](https://consumerinfo.sjvc.edu).

SJVC Locations

<b>ANTELOPE VALLEY (LANCASTER)</b> 661.974.8282	<b>PORTERVILLE</b> 559.853.4114
<b>BAKERSFIELD</b> 661.834.0126	<b>RANCHO CORDOVA</b> 916.638.7582
<b>DELANO</b> 661.778.1145	<b>RANCHO MIRAGE</b> 442.305.7701
<b>FRESNO</b> 559.448.8282	<b>SANTA MARIA</b> 805.608.3104
<b>FRESNO - TRADES EDUCATION CENTER</b> 559.453.0123	<b>TEMECULA</b> 951.296.6015
<b>MODESTO (SALIDA)</b> 209.543.8800	<b>VICTOR VALLEY (HESPERIA)</b> 760.948.1947
<b>ONTARIO</b> 909.948.7582	<b>VISALIA</b> 559.651.2500

Program availability varies by campus location. Please see the catalog for details.

\*Course listings are subject to change. Reference the SJVC College Catalog for the most current program information.

\*\*Fulfills the Career Academy graduation requirement.

The Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the Commission On Dental Accreditation. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. The Commission's web address is: [ada.org/en/coda](https://ada.org/en/coda).

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Train for a rewarding career in

Dental Hygiene



SJVC's Dental Hygiene (DH) program prepares students to work as a registered dental hygienist. Benefits of SJVC's program include comprehensive instruction and small class sizes.

The Dental Hygiene program houses a fully equipped clinic, allowing students to get hands-on instruction working with actual patients and gain real-world experience while completing their studies.





## Your trusted source for hands-on training.

SJVC excels at in-person, hands-on learning in high tech laboratory environments that will enable you to transition to a career with real-world experience.



### Students Learn:\*

- Computerized dental management/charting software
- Interim Therapeutic Restoration (ITR) placement
- Intra-Oral cameras
- Digital and traditional x-ray techniques
- Hand and ultrasonic instruments for advanced scaling and root planing methods

\*See college catalog for complete student learning outcomes for this program.



At SJVC, we value:

**Integrity**  
**Family**  
**Professionalism**  
**Communication**  
**Diversity**  
**Success**

## Credential and Professional Certifications

Graduates earn an Associate of Science Degree and are eligible to take the National Board written examination and a State and/or Regional Board Examination for licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist. SJVC prepares students to take appropriate certification and licensure exams related to their individual majors. The College does not guarantee students will successfully pass these exams or be certified or licensed as a result of completing the program.

### State Licensure

As of January 1, 2024, the state of California no longer requires a clinical examination to obtain licensure for students who have graduated within the preceding three years. The state of California requires, within the preceding three years, a person applying for licensure as a registered dental hygienist to have completed either of the following:

- Satisfactory completion of the dental hygiene examination given by the Western Regional Examining Board or any

other clinical or dental hygiene examination approved by the dental hygiene board.

- Graduation from a California accredited dental hygiene college approved by the dental hygiene board.

Graduates seeking or who may seek licensure outside of the state of California are encouraged to become familiar with each state's licensure requirements for Registered Dental Hygienists.

### Clinical Hours

Students in the dental hygiene program experience an increasing number of clinical hours as they progress through the program in order to obtain clinical competence. First year dental hygiene students participate in 120 hours of preclinical training during their first term, followed by 136 hours of clinical experience during their second term. During the second academic year, terms 3 and 4, students are scheduled for 204 and 240 hours per term, respectively.

## Admissions Requirements

Completion of the following prerequisite courses at an accredited college or university with a minimum of a "C" grade and an overall GPA of 2.75 or higher:

General/Inorganic Chemistry (with lab)\*  
General Microbiology (with lab)(BIOL 14)\*  
Human Physiology (with lab)\*\*  
Speech/ Oral Communication  
Introduction to Sociology  
Organic/Biochemistry (with lab)(CHE 4)\*  
Human Anatomy (with lab)\*\*  
Writing and Composition  
General Psychology  
Intermediate Algebra or higher (not included in the minimum GPA requirements for entry into the program)

Applicants who have successfully completed the prerequisites will be considered for admission into the program. Using a point-based system, applicants will be ranked on the following criteria: cumulative GPA on prerequisite courses, reading comprehension exam, allied health or related work experience, and a personal interview with Dental Hygiene faculty and/or the Program Director. See the SJVC College Catalog for additional information on institutional admission requirements.

\*Science courses must have been completed within the past seven (7) years. The BIOL 14 and/or CHE 4 course(s) may be offered to applicants who have successfully completed all other prerequisite courses.

\*\*If Anatomy and Physiology are taken as a combined course (i.e., A&P 1, A&P 2), both courses must be taken at the same institution.

## Career Opportunities

Nearly all dental hygienists work in dentists' offices, and many work part time\*. These skilled professionals typically perform the following job duties:\*\*

- Record and review patient medical histories
- Expose and process dental x-rays
- Clean calcareous deposits, accretions, and stains from teeth and beneath margins of gums
- Apply fluorides or other cavity preventing agents

\*<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-hygienists.htm#tab-3>

\*\*Source: <https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-1292.00>

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