



Become a member of a dental health care team

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.





Hands-On Training

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



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.

The program in Dental Hygiene 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: <http://www.ada.org/en/coda>.

State Licensure

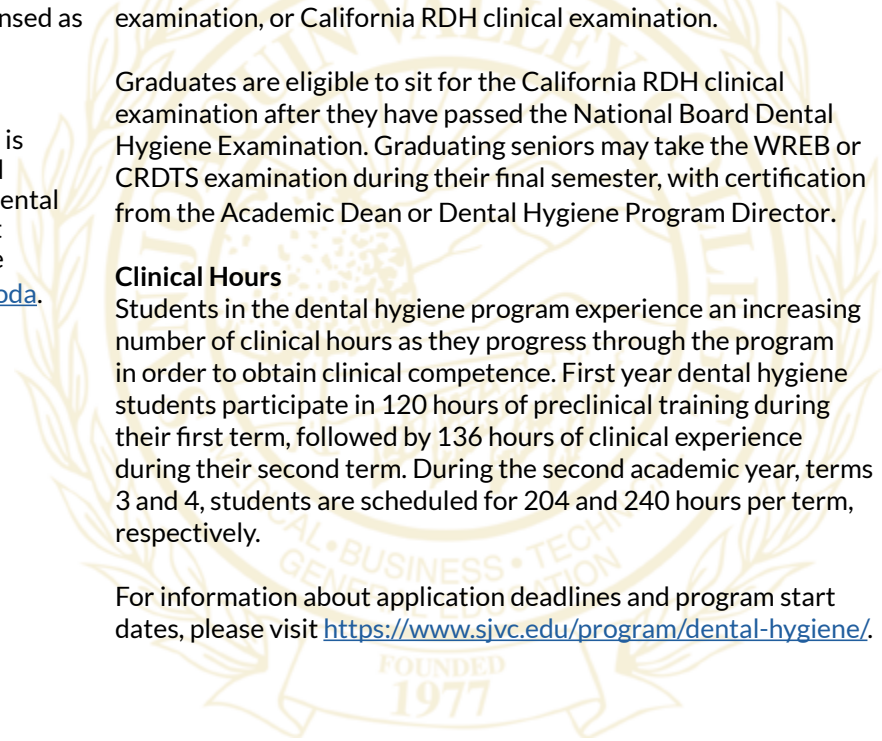
Each state has specific clinical examination requirements for licensure as a dental hygienist. The state of California accepts any one of the following clinical examinations: Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) dental hygiene examination, Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) dental hygiene examination, or California RDH clinical examination.

Graduates are eligible to sit for the California RDH clinical examination after they have passed the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination. Graduating seniors may take the WREB or CRDTS examination during their final semester, with certification from the Academic Dean or Dental Hygiene Program Director.

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.

For information about application deadlines and program start dates, please visit <https://www.sjvc.edu/program/dental-hygiene/>.



Career Opportunities

Graduates are prepared to work in private dental offices, public health agencies, or clinics. These skilled professionals prerequisite are expected to perform the following job duties:

- Evaluate medical and dental health histories
- Provide periodontal therapy through stain, plaque and calculus removal
- Expose and process dental x-rays
- Place interim therapeutic restorations, dental sealants, fluoride, varnish and tooth desensitizing agents

*Source: Occupational Information Network (O*Net) www.onetonline.org

Admissions Requirements

The following prerequisite courses must be completed at an accredited college or university recognized by the US Dept. of Education with 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)

*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.

Applicants must have reliable plans for transportation, child care and time to devote to school work outside of scheduled class hours.



Course Listing*

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
Term 1		
DH 16	Introduction to Clinic	3.0
DH 114	Introduction to Clinic Lab	2.0
DH 101	Oral Biology	3.0
DH 13	Dental Health Education	2.0
DH 11	Oral Radiology	2.0
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
Total		64.0

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

Institutional Accreditation

San Joaquin Valley College is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, 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 <https://www.sjvc.edu/admissions/consumer-information>.

SJVC Locations

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SANTA MARIA
805.608.3104

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

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