

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

SJVC's Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program may be completed in 50 weeks. This is a bridge program requiring completion of a lower-level degree prior to enrolling, and 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 education in leadership, education, and research. Upon program completion, you'll be able to demonstrate effective communication skills, evaluate and apply information from multiple sources, use current research and data interpretation techniques to evaluate solutions for emergent issues, and apply decision-making to enhance patient-centered care.

Students Learn:

- **Demonstrate** effective communication and presentation skills for diverse audiences.
- **Critically** evaluate information from multiple sources for application in professional settings.
- **Apply** current research and data interpretation techniques to identify and evaluate solutions for emergent issues impacting the profession.
- **Apply** critical thinking and evidence-based decision-making in dental hygiene education and health promotion.
- **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 degree in Dental Hygiene from a CODA-accredited program from a regionally or nationally accredited institution
- Successful completion of a minimum of 77.0 units of lower-division courses (includes courses from Associate Degree program and general education prerequisites prior to entering the AS program)
- Hold a current, unencumbered credential licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) in California or in the state of current employment

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Course Listing*

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	4.0
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		31.0

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE ID	COURSE NAME	CREDIT UNITS
ENG 321	Writing for Research	4.0
PHIL 301	Critical Thinking for Professionals	4.0
STS 301	Introduction to Statistics	4.0
TOTAL GE		12.0
TRANSFER CREDIT		77.0
PROGRAM TOTAL		120.00



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

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: <http://www.ada.org/en/coda>.

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 (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

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- Integrity
- Family
- Professionalism
- Communication
- Diversity
- Success

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