



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, small class sizes, high board pass rates and accreditation by ADA-CODA.**

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.



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## 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



## Professional Certifications

Graduates of the Dental Hygiene program 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. San Joaquin Valley College's Dental Hygiene program is accredited by The American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation.

### 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 [www.sjvc.edu/programs/medical-and-dental/dental-hygiene](http://www.sjvc.edu/programs/medical-and-dental/dental-hygiene).

### Board Pass Rates

Students in the Dental Hygiene program must take licensure exams in order to be registered to practice as a dental hygienist in California. Below are the national and state board pass rates for SJVC Dental Hygiene students.

Campus	Graduation Date	National Board Pass Rate %	Clinical Board Pass Rate %
Visalia	May 2019	Pending	100%
Ontario	February 2019	72%	100%
Visalia	September 2018	81%	100%
Ontario	May 2018	90%	100%
Visalia	January 2018	93%	100%
San Diego	November 2017	100%	100%
Ontario	September 2017	100%	95%
Visalia	May 2017	86%	100%
San Diego	March 2017	94%	100%
Ontario	January 2017	94%	94%
Visalia	September 2016	100%	100%
San Diego	July 2016	100%	100%
Ontario	May 2016	100%	100%
Visalia	January 2016	91%	100%
San Diego	November 2015	94%	94%
Ontario	September 2015	92%	100%



## Career Opportunities

Graduates are prepared to work in private dental offices, public health agencies, or clinics. These skilled professionals 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](http://www.onetonline.org)

## Admissions Requirements

The following courses must be completed at a college or university accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the US Dept. of Education with an overall GPA of 2.75 or higher:

General/Inorganic Chemistry (with wet lab)  
General Microbiology (with wet lab)  
Human Physiology (with wet lab)  
Speech/ Oral Communication  
Introduction to Sociology  
Organic/Biochemistry (with wet lab)  
Human Anatomy (with wet lab)  
Writing and Composition  
General Psychology  
Intermediate Algebra or higher

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
<b>Term 1</b>		
DH 16	Introduction to Clinic	3.0
DH 114	Introduction to Clinic Lab	2.0
DH 101	Oral Biology <i>(includes laboratory component)</i>	3.0
DH 13	Dental Health Education	2.0
DH 11	Oral Radiology	2.0
DH 105	Head and Neck Anatomy <i>(includes laboratory component)</i>	3.0
DH 115	Oral Radiology Lab	2.0
DH 18	Periodontics 1	1.0
<b>Term 2</b>		
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
<b>Term 3</b>		
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
<b>Term 4</b>		
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>64.0</b>

\*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 Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, (415) 506-0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at: [www.accjc.org](http://www.accjc.org).

## 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

**ATASCADERO**  
805.470.7130

**FRESNO**  
559.448.8282

**HESPERIA**  
760.948.1947

**MODESTO**  
209.542.8800

**RANCHO CORDOVA**  
916.638.7582

**TEMECULA**  
951.296.6015

**BAKERSFIELD**  
661.834.0126

**FRESNO - TRADES  
EDUCATION CENTER**  
559.453.0123

**LANCASTER**  
661.974.8282

**ONTARIO**  
909.948.7582

**RANCHO MIRAGE**  
442.305.7701

**VISALIA**  
559.651.2500

**DELANO**  
661.778.1145

**HANFORD**  
559.584.8840

**MADERA**  
559.302.2155

**PORTERVILLE**  
559.853.4114

**SANTA MARIA**  
805.608.3104

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

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