



# Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

SJVC's B.S. in Dental Hygiene 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 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.



## What Will I Learn?

Graduates 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 degree in Dental Hygiene from a CODA-accredited 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



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## 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
<b>Total</b>		<b>31.0</b>

## General Education Course Requirements

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
ENG 321	Writing for Research	4.0
PHIL 300	Critical Thinking for Health Professionals	4.0
STS 301	Introduction to Statistics	4.0
<b>Total GE</b>		<b>12.0</b>
<b>Transfer Credits</b>		<b>77.0</b>
<b>Total Program Units</b>		<b>120.0</b>



## 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>.

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