

# Dental Hygiene

Become a member of a dental health care team



SJVC's Dental Hygiene (DH) program prepares students to work as a registered dental hygienist. Benefits of this program include comprehensive instruction, small class sizes, high board pass rates and accreditation by ADA-CODA.

## Students Learn

- Computerized dental management/charting software
- CAESY (Clinically Advanced Education Systems) computerized patient education
- Intra-Oral cameras
- Digital and traditional x-ray techniques
- Hand and ultrasonic instruments for advanced scaling and root planing methods

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

## 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.

## Career Information

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
- Remove stains, plaque and calculus from teeth
- Expose and process dental x-rays
- Place dental sealants, fluoride, varnish and tooth desensitizing agents

## Admission 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 lab)  
Human Physiology (with lab)  
Introduction to Sociology  
Human Anatomy (with lab)  
General Psychology

General Microbiology (with lab)  
Public Speaking or Oral Communication  
Organic/Biochemistry (with lab)  
Writing and Composition  
Intermediate Algebra or higher



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

Program Start Dates	
Cohort Start	Application Deadline
June 5, 2017	April 10, 2017

### 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 receive eight hours of preclinical training per week during their first term, followed by eight hours of clinical experience during their second term. During the second academic year, terms 3 and 4, students are scheduled for twelve and sixteen hours per week, respectively.

### 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.

Graduation Date 2012-2016	National Board Pass Rate %	Clinical Board Pass Rate %
January 2012	81.3%	100%
September 2012	100%	94%
May 2013	100%	92%
January 2014	91%	100%
September 2014	100%	95%
May 2015	100%	100%
<b>Average*</b>	<b>95.3%</b>	<b>96.8%</b>

\*Average for the DH program on the Visalia campus

Classes for this program are offered Monday through Thursday, Fridays as needed.

Class Schedule
<b>Monday - Thursday</b>
8:00am-5:00pm
<b>Friday as needed</b>

NOTE: Class times subject to change based on seat availability.

Visit [sjvc.edu](http://sjvc.edu) for more information on other program offerings and campus locations.

## Visalia Campus

8344 W. Mineral King, Visalia, CA 93291  
559.651.2500

Consumer Information	
	<b>A.S. Degree</b>
Program Length	67 weeks
Tuition and Fees	\$57,150
Estimated Textbook Cost	\$375
<i>Data for Graduates on all SJVC Campuses between 7/1/14 and 6/30/15</i>	
Graduate Median Loan Debt	
Title IV HEA Loans	\$20,000
Private Loans	\$23,792
Institutional Loans	\$0
On-Time Completion Rate	98%
<i>Graduate Placement Rate</i>	
Because of the change in the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education's reporting regulations, which became effective on July 14, 2016, this institution was not required to collect the data for its 2015 and prior graduates.	
Occupations for Graduate Placement <sup>1</sup>	
Dental Hygienists (29-2021.00)	

<sup>1</sup>Visit <http://www.onetcodeconnector.org> and enter the reference number for complete details

### 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 (California Education Code, Title 3, Division 10, Part 59, Chapter 8) and Title 5, Division 7.5 – Private Postsecondary Education of the California Code of Regulations.

