

# 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
- CASEY 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, state-of-the-art 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 stain, 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 regionally accredited college or university with an overall GPA of 2.75 or higher:

Chemistry (with lab)	Microbiology (with lab)
Human Physiology (with lab)	Speech / Oral Communication
Introduction to Sociology	Organic/Biochemistry (with lab)
Human Anatomy (with lab)	Writing and Composition
General Psychology	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
Feb 6, 2012	November 15, 2011
October 1, 2012	July 15, 2012
June 10, 2013	March 15, 2013

### 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	National Board Pass Rate %	Clinical Board Pass Rate %
May 2007	97%	96%
January 2008	100%	93%
September 2008	97%	93%
May 2009	100%	81%
January 2010	100%	92%
September 2010	93%	92%
May 2011	93%	91%
<b>Average*</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>91%</b>

\* Average for DH program on all campuses

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.

**Visalia Campus**  
**8400 W. Mineral King**  
**866.483.1797**

Consumer Information	
Occupations*	
Dental Hygienists (29-2021.00) <sup>†</sup>	
On-time Completion Rate**	95%
Graduate Placement Rate	86%
Tuition and Fees	\$57,650
Graduate Median Loan Debt	
Title IV HEA Loans	\$14,000
Private Loans	\$0
Institutional Loans	\$0

Statistics for graduate cohort of July 2010 - June 2011

\*Visit <http://www.onetcodeconnector.org/ccreport> and enter the reference number<sup>†</sup> from the Consumer Information table for complete details.

\*\*Percentage of graduates who completed the program in the scheduled 65-week period.

The DH program is offered in:

VISALIA  
 RANCHO CUCAMONGA

Other SJVC Campus locations:

RANCHO CORDOVA  
 MODESTO  
 FRESNO  
 BAKERSFIELD  
 HANFORD  
 HESPERIA  
 TEMECULA

Program availability varies by campus

