

# DENTAL HYGIENE

## Associate of Applied Science Degree

### Catalog 2009-2010

San Juan College offers a Dental Hygiene Program leading to an Associate of Applied Science Degree. The program emphasizes the didactic and clinical skills necessary to meet today's changing oral health care needs. Students who successfully complete the program will be eligible to sit for the Dental Hygiene National Board, the Western Regional Examining Board or similar regional board, and a state jurisprudence exam for licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist (RHD). Program graduates may continue their education toward a baccalaureate degree in Dental Hygiene (BS). Contact the Dental Hygiene Department for further information at (505) 566-3642, [dentalprogram@sanjuancollege.edu](mailto:dentalprogram@sanjuancollege.edu) or visit [www.sanjuancollege.edu/hygiene](http://www.sanjuancollege.edu/hygiene).

Dental Hygiene is a selective major. Specific requirements must be met in order to declare a Dental Hygiene major.  
**Admission is limited and selective.** Credit hour ratios: Lecture 1:1, Laboratory 1:3, Clinic 1:4, Practicum 1:6.

The Dental Hygiene Program is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

#### Program Admission Requirements:

To be eligible for the Dental Hygiene Program selection process, students must:

1. Be a high school graduate or have a GED.
2. Have a college minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better. College GPA is based on the last 24 academic credits (course numbers 110 and above). Most successful candidates have a GPA of 3.00 or better.
3. Have taken the Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test (HOBT) and have the scores sent to the San Juan College Dental Program.
4. Completed 12 total hours of documented dental hygiene observation time in two different dental offices.
5. Attend a SJC Dental Programs Information Session. For students residing farther than 250 miles from SJC, the information session may be conducted by phone. Contact the program for further details.
6. Submit a completed application by the first week in April.
7. Have completed all prerequisite courses. Prerequisites must be current within the last five years and must be completed with a minimum "C" grade.
8. Students are strongly encouraged to complete all general education courses before application to the program. General education courses must be completed with a minimum "C" grade.
9. Apply to and be accepted by San Juan College.

#### If selected, students must:

1. Complete all admission and remedial requirements of San Juan College.
2. Submit proof of a physical examination, and provide documentation of current immunizations and maintain current immunizations throughout the program.
3. Attend a mandatory Basic Life Support (BLS) certification conducted by the program prior to start of classes.
4. Present proof of medical insurance each semester.
5. Be responsible for all travel expenses to and from external learning sites.
6. Complete each course in the curriculum with a "C" or better to remain in and graduate from the program.

#### Prerequisites: 26 credit hours

			Credit Hours	Grade	
___	BIOL	121	Introductory Biology I	4	___
___	BIOL	252	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	___
___	BIOL	253	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	___
___	BIOL	224	Microbiology	4	___
___	CHEM	110	Introductory Chemistry <b>OR</b>		
___	___	___	Higher Chemistry	4	___
___	ENGL	111	Freshman Composition	3	___
___	MATH	114	Mathematics for Health Careers <b>OR</b>		
___	___	___	Higher math	3	___

#### General Education Courses: 15 credit hours

___	ENGL	211	Advanced Composition <b>OR</b>		
___	ENGL	218	Advanced Technical Composition	3	___
___	HLTH	118	Introduction to Nutrition	3	___
___	PSYC	120	Introduction to Psychology	3	___
___	SOCI	110	Introduction to Sociology	3	___
___	SPCH	110	Public Speaking <b>OR</b>		
___	SPCH	111	Interpersonal Communication	3	___

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**1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

_____	DHYG 110	Head/Neck Anatomy	3	_____
_____	DHYG 112	Tooth Morphology	1	_____
_____	DHYG 113	Preclinical Dental Seminar	3	_____
_____	DHYG 114	Preclinical Dental Hygiene	(0+6P) 2	_____
_____	DHYG 115	General and Oral Histology and Embryology	2	_____
_____	DHYG 217	Dental Radiography	(2+3P) <u>3</u>	_____
			Total 14	

**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**

_____	DHYG 223	Clinical Dental Hygiene Seminar I	2	_____
_____	DHYG 224	Clinical Dental Hygiene I	(0+12P) 3	_____
_____	DHYG 227	General and Oral Pathology	3	_____
_____	DHYG 231	Periodontology	<u>3</u>	_____
			Total 11	

**Summer Session**

_____	DHYG 221	Dental Biomaterials	(2+3P) 3	_____
_____	DHYG 225	Clinical Dental Hygiene Seminar II	(0+4P) <u>1</u>	_____
			Total 4	

**3rd Semester**

_____	DHYG 229	Pharmacology	3	_____
_____	DHYG 233	Clinical Dental Hygiene Seminar III	2	_____
_____	DHYG 234	Clinical Dental Hygiene III	(0+12P) 3	_____
_____	DHYG 235	Dental Public Health	(2+3P) 3	_____
_____	DHGY 237	Local Anesthesia and Pain Control	(2+1P) <u>2</u>	_____
			Total 13	

**4th Semester**

_____	DHYG 243	Clinical Dental Hygiene Seminar IV	2	_____
_____	DHYG 244	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	(0+12P) 3	_____
_____	DHYG 245	Principles of Practice	2	_____
_____	DHYG 247	Practicum	(0+8P) <u>2</u>	_____
			Total 9	

Total credits for AAS degree:

Prerequisite courses: 26 credits

General Education courses: 15 credits

Dental Hygiene courses: 51 credits

Total credit hours required for this degree is 92