

DENTAL HYGIENE

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Catalog 2010-2011

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 or visit 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 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

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	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 OR						
_____	_____	_____	Higher Chemistry					4	_____
_____	ENGL	111	Freshman Composition					3	_____
_____	MATH	114	Math for Health Careers OR						
_____	_____	_____	Higher math					<u>3</u>	_____
								Total	26

General Education Courses: 15 credit hours

_____	COMM	110	Public Speaking OR						
_____	COMM	111	Interpersonal Communication					3	_____
_____	ENGL	211	Advanced Composition OR						
_____	ENGL	218	Advanced Technical Composition					3	_____
_____	HLTH	118	Introduction to Nutrition					3	_____
_____	PSYC	120	Introduction to Psychology					3	_____
_____	SOCI	110	Introduction to Sociology					<u>3</u>	_____
								Total	15

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1st Semester

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

2nd Semester

_____	DHYG	223	Clinical Dental Hygiene Seminar I	2	_____
_____	DHYG	224	Clinical Dental Hygiene I	3	_____
_____	DHYG	227	General and Oral Pathology`	3	_____
_____	DHYG	231	Periodontology	<u>3</u>	_____
				Total	11

Summer Session

_____	DHYG	221	Dental BioMaterials	3	_____
_____	DHYG	225	Clinical Dental Hygiene Seminar II	<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	3	_____
_____	DHYG	235	Dental Public Health	3	_____
_____	DHGY	237	Local Anesthesia and Pain Control	<u>2</u>	_____
				Total	13

4th Semester

_____	DHYG	243	Clinical Dental Hygiene Seminar IV	2	_____
_____	DHYG	244	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	3	_____
_____	DHYG	245	Principles of Practice	2	_____
_____	DHYG	247	Practicum	<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