

DENTAL HYGIENE

Associate of Applied Science Degree

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 challenging 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 (RDH). 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 Occupation Basic Entrance Test (HOBET) and have the scores sent to the San Juan College Dental Program.
4. Completed 12 total hours of documented dental hygiene observation time in three different dental offices.
5. Attend a SJC Dental Hygiene Program 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:

	Credits
BIOL 121 Introductory Biology I	3
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	4
ENGL 111 Freshman Composition	3
MATH 114 Math for Health Careers or higher	3
Total	25

General Education Courses:

ENGL 211 Advanced Composition OR	
ENGL 218 Advanced Technical Composition	3

SPCH 110	Public Speaking OR	
SPCH 111	Interpersonal Communication	3
HLTH 118	Introduction to Nutrition	3
SOCI 110	Introduction to Sociology	3
PSYC 120	Introduction to Psychology	3
	Total	15

1st Semester

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

2nd 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	3
	Total	11

Summer Session

DHYG 221	Dental BioMaterials	(2+3P) 3
DHYG 225	Clinical Dental Hygiene Seminar II	(0+4P) 1
	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
DHYG 237	Local Anesthesia and Pain Control	(2+1P) 2
	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) 2
	Total	9

Prerequisite courses:	25
General Education courses:	15
Dental Hygiene courses:	51

Total Credits for AAS degree 91

