

The Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree in Dental Hygiene creates entry-level dental hygienists who are prepared to immediately seek employment in dental offices.

The program combines classroom and laboratory instruction at the College and clinical instruction in the College's Dental Hygiene Clinic and affiliated dental clinics in the community.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Explore career resources at fscj.edu/student-services/career-development . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor each term. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fulfill the Civic Literacy requirement. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfy the associate in science degree graduation requirements. |

Certification/Licensing

Graduates must pass both computerized and clinical exams prior to licensing. This program prepares students to take the State of Florida licensing exams, thus preparing students to work in the State of Florida only.

Note: If you are considering employment in a state other than Florida, please visit <https://www.fscj.edu/academics/license-disclose> to determine if this program will meet the selected state's requirements to sit for licensure or certification testing.

Program Accreditation

The program in dental hygiene is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the status of "approval without reporting requirements." The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission's web address is: <https://ada.org/en/coda>.

Application Procedure

This is a Limited Access Program. Students must follow the application procedure outlined in the current College Catalog. The **application deadline** is May 15 of each year with classes starting in the fall term.

Advising

(904) 646-2300 or hcic@fscj.edu.

Sample Roadmap

This roadmap provides general guidance about required courses. For specific guidance about your individual academic degree plan, please see an advisor. Also refer to the College Catalog and class schedules for additional information.

A minimum grade of C or higher must be achieved in all prerequisite, natural science and dental hygiene courses, as well as courses used to satisfy the general education and civic literacy requirements.

Prerequisites to be Completed Before Applying to the Dental Hygiene Program

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Course: Course Title | Credit Hours |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BSC 2085C: Human Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CHM 1032C: Principles of General Chemistry | 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | MAC 1105: College Algebra or MGF 1106: Topics in College Mathematics | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | MCB 2010C: Microbiology | 4 |

Term 1: Fall

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Course: Course Title | Credit Hours |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DES 1000: Oral and Dental Anatomy | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DES 1000L: Oral and Dental Anatomy Laboratory | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DES 1030: Oral Histology and Embryology | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DES 1010: Head and Neck Anatomy | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 1001C: Introduction to Clinical Procedures | 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 1003C: Dental Hygiene Instrumentation | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 1720: Preventive Dentistry | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ENC 1101: English Composition I or ENC 1101C: English Composition I Enhanced | 3 or 4 |

Term 2: Spring

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Course: Course Title | Credit Hours |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DES 1600: Dental Office Emergencies | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DES 1600L: Dental Office Emergencies Laboratory | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 1800: Clinical Dental Hygiene I | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 1800L: Clinical Dental Hygiene I Laboratory | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DES 1200: Dental Radiology | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DES 1200L: Dental Radiology Laboratory | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 2400: General and Oral Pathology | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BSC 2086C: Human Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 |

Important for You to Know

This academic roadmap does not include **developmental education courses** in reading, writing, and/or mathematics that you may be required to take. Students who place into developmental education courses are required to complete designated developmental education courses with a grade of C or higher regardless of program of study. In addition, it does not include **MAT 1033: Intermediate Algebra**, which, for many students, is a prerequisite course for MAC 1105.

Program Learning Outcomes

Professionalism

The new graduate of the Dental Hygiene program must be able to:

- discern and manage ethical issues of dental hygiene practice in a rapidly changing environment;
- contribute to improve the knowledge, skills and values of the profession; and
- acquire and synthesize information in a critical and scientific manner.

Health Promotion/Disease Prevention

The new graduate of the Dental Hygiene program must be able to:

- provide planned educational services using appropriate interpersonal communication skills and educational strategies to promote the optimal health of the individual; and
- initiate and assume responsibility for health promotive and disease preventative activities for the community.

Patient Care

The new graduate of the Dental Hygiene program must be able to:

- systematically collect, analyze and accurately record baseline data on the general, oral and psychosocial health status of patients using methods consistent with medico-legal principles;
- use critical decision-making skills to identify existing problems, potential problems, etiologic factors, contributing factors, as well as establish realistic goals and treatment strategies to facilitate optimal oral health;
- provide treatment that includes preventive and therapeutic services designed to achieve and maintain oral health and assist the patient in achieving oral health goals; and
- evaluate the effectiveness of planned clinical and educational services and modify services as necessary for optimal oral health.

Term 3: Summer

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Course: Course Title | Credit Hours |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 1802: Clinical Dental Hygiene II | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 1802L: Clinical Dental Hygiene II Laboratory | 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 2602: Periodontics | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 2530: Dental Hygienists Expanded Functions | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 2530L: Dental Hygienists Expanded Functions Laboratory | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DES 1100: Dental Materials | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DES 1101L: Dental Materials Laboratory | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | AMH 2020: United States History From 1877 to the Present or POS 2041: American Federal Government | 3 |

Term 4: Fall

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Course: Course Title | Credit Hours |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 2804: Clinical Dental Hygiene III | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 2804L: Clinical Dental Hygiene III Laboratory | 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 2701: Community Oral Health | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 2300: Pharmacology and Oral Medicine | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 2821: Medically Compromised Patient | 1 |

Term 5: Spring

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Course: Course Title | Credit Hours |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 2930: Clinical Seminar | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 2806L: Clinical Dental Hygiene IV Laboratory | 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DES 2710: General and Oral Nutrition | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 2701L: Community Oral Health Practicum | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEH 2811: Dental Ethics and Jurisprudence | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ARH 2000: Art in the Humanities or PHI 2010: Philosophy in the Humanities or MUL 2010: Music in the Humanities or LIT 2000: Literature in the Humanities or HUM 2020: Topics in the Humanities or THE 2000: Theatre in the Humanities | 3 |

Total Program Credit Hours

The **Dental Hygiene** A.S. degree program requires a **minimum of 88 credit hours**. Total program hours may vary based on the student's individual degree plan. Please see an advisor for individual guidance. This program **is eligible** for financial aid.