

Licensure Requirement

If an applicant has been convicted, had any adjudication withheld, or has been charged with the commission of a felony or misdemeanor, the applicant will need to get approval from the Florida Board of Dentistry to take the licensure examination upon completion of the Dental Hygiene Program.

Cost of the Program

The cost of the tuition and fees, textbooks, instruments and uniforms for the Dental Hygiene Program varies from year to year. Please refer to scf.edu/DentalHygiene for current information. Course fees include student malpractice insurance, required drug screening and laboratory supplies.

Financial Aid

Financial aid at State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota is available in the form of grants, loans, scholarships and part-time employment. Information about financial aid, application forms and assistance in completing the forms may be obtained from SCF financial aid services offices located at SCF Bradenton and SCF Venice.

The dental hygiene department is located in building 2 at SCF Bradenton. Call **941-752-5245** or **941-408-1300, ext. 65245**. E-mail dentalhygiene@scf.edu.

scf.edu/DentalHygiene

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Program

What is a dental hygienist?

As a licensed professional, the dental hygienist promotes optimum oral health for individuals and groups of individuals through preventive education and clinical and therapeutic services.

Where are dental hygienists employed?

The Dental Hygiene Program prepares the student for employment as a dental health educator and clinician in a variety of settings including private dental practice, public health departments, institutional and research facilities, and public and private schools.

What are the educational requirements for becoming a dental hygienist?

The course of study includes general academic studies, technical courses in dental hygiene concepts and procedures, clinical experiences in the dental hygiene clinic and community facilities, and community and public health education experiences. Integrated into the program is the dental "team concept" with inclusion of four-handed dentistry and those expanded dental functions that can be legally delegated to a dental hygienist in the state of Florida. Graduates of the Dental Hygiene Program will be awarded an Associate in Science degree in dental hygiene and are qualified to take the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination and Florida state licensing examination, both of which are required for licensure in Florida.

The SCF Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611-2678, 312-440-2500. (www.ada.org)

Please refer to the Dental Hygiene Program's website at scf.edu/DentalHygiene for the most current program information.

Curriculum Plan

Students are encouraged to complete as many of the academic courses as possible **BEFORE** entering the Dental Hygiene Program in order to ease their academic load during the program.

Required Academic Courses			Term Hours
BSC	2085C*	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
CHM	1022C*	Chemistry for Everyday Life	3
MAC	1105*	College Algebra OR	
STA	2023	Elementary Statistics (preferred)	3
BSC	2086C	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
HUN	2201	Fundamentals of Human Nutrition	3
MCB	2003C	Microbiology	4
PSY	2012	General Psychology	3
ENC	1101	Written Communications I	3
SYG	2000	Introduction to Sociology	3
SPC	1608	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
Humanities		Choose from Area IV, A.A.S. General Education Req.	3
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* These courses **MUST** be completed **PRIOR** to entry into the Dental Hygiene Program.

Required Dental Hygiene Courses			Term Hours
SUMMER TERM			
DEH	1000	Introduction to Dental Hygiene	2
FALL TERM			
DES	1010C	Oral Facial Anatomy	3
DES	1200C	Dental Radiography	3
DEH	1002C	Intro. to Clinical Procedures	6
SPRING TERM			
DES	1100C	Dental Materials	3
DEH	1130	Oral Embryology & Histology	1
DEH	1800C	Clinical Dental Hygiene I	6
SUMMER TERM			
DEH	2802C	Clinical Dental Hygiene II	5
DEH	2602	Periodontology	2
FALL TERM			
DEH	2300	Pharmacology and Pain Control	2
DEH	2400	General and Oral Pathology	2
DEH	2804C	Clinical Dental Hygiene III	7
SPRING TERM			
DEH	2702C	Community Dental Health	3
DEH	2806C	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	7
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Total Credit Hours**88****Admission Requirements**

In addition to the admission requirements of the College, the following are requirements for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program:

1. Earned grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or better in **ALL** general education courses required by the program toward the degree and a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 to meet graduation requirements.
2. Satisfactory completion of any remedial course work needed to be eligible for college level courses. **NOTE:** Prerequisite courses may be required for ENC 1101 and the math courses. These prerequisites **MUST** be taken **PRIOR** to entry into the Dental Hygiene Program. Consult the course descriptions in the Catalog at scf.edu/Catalog for additional information.
3. **Prerequisite courses must be completed** with a grade of "C" or better by the end of the term prior to the application period in which you are applying. **BSC 2085C** Anatomy & Physiology I **CHM 1022C** Chemistry for Everyday Life **Mathematics** Choose from Area II, A.A. (MAC 1105 College Algebra OR STA 2023 Elementary Statistics preferred)
4. A minimum grade of "C" is required in all courses applied toward the Dental Hygiene degree.
5. A completed application for the Dental Hygiene Program (A separate application is required for admission to the College.) One time application fee of \$20 must be submitted with the Dental Hygiene application.

This is a **limited** enrollment program. Students are admitted to the Dental Hygiene Program once a year with classes beginning in the Summer term. The Dental Hygiene Program consists of both classroom and clinic experiences. Completion of all or part of the general academic courses required for the degree does not guarantee acceptance into the program. However, **priority** is given to applicants who have completed the **most** required hours of coursework toward the degree, at the time of application, and submit their application during the priority period. If there are more qualified applicants than seats available in the program, the primary criteria for selection will be the GPA of the general education courses required by the program. The secondary selection criteria will be the overall college GPA. After the priority period, applications will be accepted on a space-available basis.

Applications will be reviewed and the admission decision communicated to the student via SCF student e-mail.

Upon acceptance, additional background checks and screenings may be required to meet local health care agency regulations.

Students enrolled should understand that the required clinical experience in various health care facilities may expose them to environmental hazards and infectious disease including, but not limited to tuberculosis, hepatitis B, and HIV/AIDS.