

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the admission requirements of the College, there 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 required minimum overall GPA of 2.0 to meet graduation requirements.
2. Satisfactory completion of any remedial coursework needed to be eligible for college level courses.  
NOTE: Prerequisite courses may be required for ENC 1101 and Mathematics\*. These prerequisites MUST be taken PRIOR to entry into the Dental Hygiene Program.
3. Prerequisite courses listed below 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  
CHM 1020C (previously CHM 1022)  
Choose from AREA II  
(MAC 1105 OR  
STA 2023 preferred)
4. A minimum grade of "C" is required for all courses applied to the Dental Hygiene degree.
5. A completed Dental Hygiene Program application and payment of a Dental Hygiene Program application fee of \$35. (A separate non-refundable application is required for admission to the College.)

Students are admitted to the Dental Hygiene Program once a year with classes beginning in the Summer term. This is a **LIMITED** enrollment program. The Dental Hygiene Program consists of both classroom and clinical experiences. Completion of all or part of the general academic courses required for the degree does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Priority is given to applicants who have completed the **MOST** required hours of coursework toward the degree by the end of the Fall term preceding the year for which the applicant is applying. If there are more qualified applicants than seats available in the program, the primary criteria for selection is the GPA of the general education courses required by the program. The secondary selection criteria is the applicants previous experience as a dental professional. Applications are reviewed and the admission decision communicated to the student via SCF student email account. Students not accepted may reapply for Dental Hygiene admission for three consecutive years at no charge.

Upon acceptance, the following are required: Background checks, CPR certification and health and drug screenings to meet local health care agency regulations. Based on the results of these checks and screenings, students may become ineligible for program admission. Continuation in the program is based on acceptable results from random/ongoing screenings and background checks. Clinical facilities may limit or prohibit students with positive drug screen results or criminal histories from participating in clinical experiences, thus making the student ineligible to continue in the program. Students are responsible for all fees incurred with these checks and screenings. Students enrolled should understand that the required clinical experience in various health care facilities may expose them to environmental hazards and infectious diseases, including, but not limited to tuberculosis, COVID-19, hepatitis B and HIV/AIDS.

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# Dental Hygiene



ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE



# DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

## What would you do as a dental hygienist?

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

Dental hygienists work as clinicians and dental health educators in a variety of settings, including private dental practice, public health departments, institutional and research facilities, and public and private schools.

## What kind of salary could you earn as a dental hygienist?

The national median annual salary for a Licensed Dental Hygienist is \$69,892, according to salary.com. The salary range is usually between \$50,978 and \$88,354, but can vary depending on many factors, including where you live, your level of education and the type of health care facility in which you work.

## What kind of education do you need to become 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 Board Dental Hygiene and Florida state licensure examinations, both of which are required for licensure in Florida.

Refer to the Dental Hygiene Program's website for the most current program information.

[SCF.edu/DentalHygiene](http://SCF.edu/DentalHygiene)

# CURRICULUM PLAN

Students are encouraged to complete as many of the academic courses listed below BEFORE entering the Dental Hygiene Program in order to ease their academic load later.

REQUIRED ACADEMIC COURSES				Term Hours	REQUIRED DENTAL HYGIENE COURSES				Term
				Hours					
BSC	2085C*	Anatomy and Physiology I		4	DES	1020C	Dental Anatomy (Sum)		2
CHM	1020C*	The Chemistry of Everyday Life or higher level		3	DEH	1000	Introduction to Dental Hygiene (Sum)		2
Mathematics		Choose from Area II, A.S.			DES	1010	Head and Neck Anatomy (Fall)		1
MAC	1105*	College Algebra OR			DES	1200C	Dental Radiography (Fall)		3
STA	2023*	Elementary Statistics (preferred)		3	DEH	1002C	Intro. to Clinical Procedures (Fall)		6
BSC	2086C	Anatomy and Physiology II		4	DEH	1720	Preventive Dentistry (Fall)		1
MCB	2010C	Microbiology		4	DES	1100C	Dental Materials (Spr)		3
PSY	2012	General Psychology		3	DEH	1130	Oral Embryology & Histology (Spr)		1
ENC	1101	Written Communication I		3	DEH	1800C	Clinical Dental Hygiene I (Spr)		5
SYG	2000	Principles of Sociology		3	DEH	2822	Dental Office Emergencies (Spr)		1
SPC	1608	Fundamentals of Speech Communication		3	DEH	2802C	Clinical Dental Hygiene II (Sum)		4
Humanities		Choose from Area IV, A.S.		3	DEH	2602	Periodontology (Sum)		2
Civic Literacy		Choose From			DEH	2300	Pharmacology and Pain Control (Fall)		3
POS	1041	American Government OR			DEH	2400	General and Oral Pathology (Fall)		2
AMH	1020	U.S.History 1677 to present		3	DEH	2804C	Clinical Dental Hygiene III (Fall)		7
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				36	DEH	2702	Community Dental Health (Spr)		2
					DEH	2702L	Community Dental Health Lab (Spr)		1
					DEH	2806C	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV (Spr)		6
					<b>*Total Credit Hours 88</b>				<b>52</b>

\*These courses MUST be completed PRIOR to entry into the Dental Hygiene Program.



## What will you pay to get your degree?

The cost of tuition and fees, textbooks, instruments and uniforms for the Dental Hygiene Program varies from year to year. Refer to [SCF.edu/DentalHygiene](http://SCF.edu/DentalHygiene) for current information. Course fees include student malpractice insurance and laboratory supplies.

## What financial help is available?

Financial aid at SCF 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 offices at SCF Bradenton and SCF Venice. For information, call 941-752-5037 in Bradenton or 941-408-1407 in Venice. You may also email Financial Aid advisers at [AskFinAid@SCF.edu](mailto:AskFinAid@SCF.edu), or visit [SCF.edu/FinancialAid](http://SCF.edu/FinancialAid)

## Is there a licensure requirement?

The State of Florida regulates and licenses dental hygienists to practice in Florida following guidelines established by state statute. The licensing process includes an examination/test of each applicant to assess the applicant's qualifications. Note: If an applicant has been convicted, had any adjudication withheld, or has any criminal charges in the past other than a minor traffic violation, the applicant will need approval from the Florida Board of Dentistry to take the licensure examination upon completion of the Dental Hygiene Program.