

Sacramento City College

Dental Hygiene Program

Information Session Presentation

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Registered Dental Hygienist

- A professional, licensed member of a dental care team
- Use their knowledge and clinical skills to provide direct patient care
- Need strong interpersonal skills to motivate and educate patients on methods to prevent oral disease and to maintain oral health

Professional Roles of the Dental Hygienist



Skills Needed to Be a Dental Hygienist

- Good manual dexterity and hand-eye coordination
- Good communication skills
- Team player
- Sensitive to diverse cultural backgrounds
- Enjoy paying attention to details

Job Description

Duties (Business and Professional Codes 1900-1966.6)



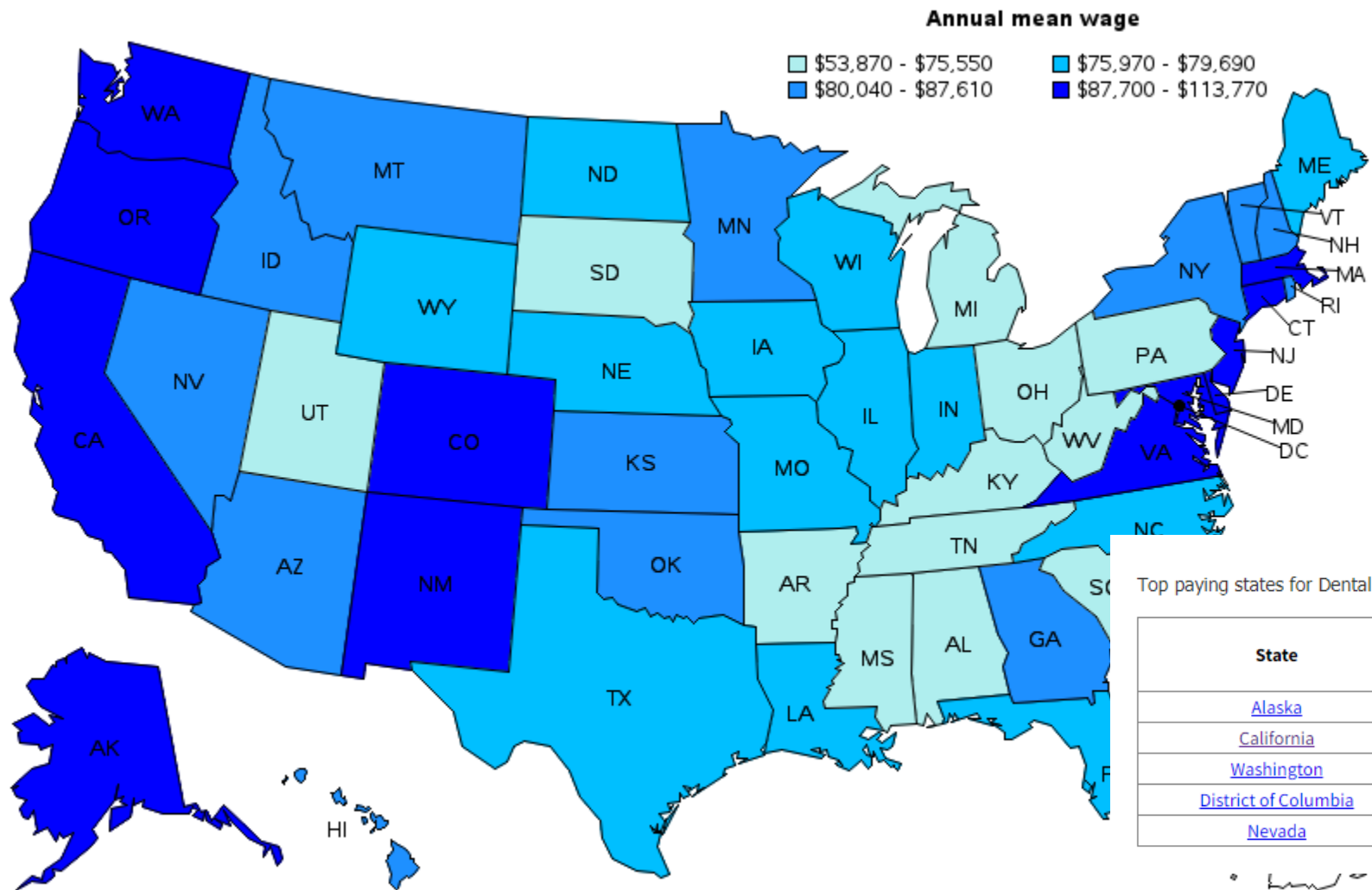
- Perform oral cancer screenings
- Examine periodontal (gum and bone) structures around supporting teeth
- Expose, develop and interpret radiographs
- Design & implement treatment plans for patients
- Provide dental health and nutritional education for individuals and groups
- Remove deposits from the teeth = above and below the gumline by scaling, root planing, & polishing teeth
- Administer local anesthetic, perform nitrous oxide – oxygen sedation, and Soft Tissue Curettage
- Place dental sealants
- For a complete list of RDH duties in the state of California please visit the Dental Board of California (DBC) or Dental Hygiene Committee of California (DHCC) website: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=BPC&division=2.&title=&part=&chapter=4.&article=9.

Employment Opportunities

- Full time and part time
- Private practice
 - General or specialty practice
- Public health/consumer advocate
 - Hospitals
 - Nursing homes
 - Public health clinics
 - Schools
- RDHAP
- Teaching
- Academic Administration
- Research
- Legislative advocate
- Corporate representative

Salary and Benefits

Annual mean wage of dental hygienists, by state, May 2022



Annual mean wage
 \$53,870 - \$75,550 \$75,970 - \$79,690
 \$80,040 - \$87,610 \$87,700 - \$113,770

Top paying states for Dental Hygienists:

State	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Alaska	610	2.06	1.47	\$ 55.31	\$ 115,050
California	17,880	1.09	0.78	\$ 52.87	\$ 109,970
Washington	6,290	1.97	1.41	\$ 45.89	\$ 95,450
District of Columbia	180	0.26	0.18	\$ 45.50	\$ 94,650
Nevada	2,430	1.94	1.39	\$ 42.96	\$ 89,360

Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor Outlook Handbook, Dental Hygienist

Blank areas indicate data not available. June 5, 2025

Examination and Licensure

All states require that a dental hygienist be licensed:

1. Must successfully graduate from an accredited dental hygiene program
 - *Completion of all degree requirements, including General Education, Reading/Writing/Mathematics Competency, and required major courses.*
2. Must pass the Dental Hygiene National Board Exam
3. Must pass a clinical board exam for licensure outside of CA (Example: CRDTS)
4. Must pass a Law and Ethics Exam
5. **DHBC requires a Social Security Number or an Individual Tax ID #**

***Be Advised: A felony or misdemeanor conviction or history of substance abuse may preclude subsequent licensure as a dental hygienist in the state of California.** Contact DHCC for further information: <https://www.dhbc.ca.gov/>

Visit our Website:
<https://scc.losrios.edu/academics/dental-hygiene-program-details>

Applications are accepted
October 1st – April 1st

The screenshot shows the Sacramento City College website. At the top, the college logo and name are displayed: SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE, LOS RIOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT. Navigation links include STUDENT LOGIN, APPLY, EMPLOYEES, and a globe icon. A dark red navigation bar contains links for Why SCC?, Admissions, Academics, Student Resources, Campus Life, and About Us. Below this, a yellow banner for CODA* (Commission on Dental Accreditation) provides contact information: 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611, (800) 621-8099, and a button for COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION. To the right, a blue banner features a button for APPLY TO DENTAL HYGIENE. Below this is a section titled Dental Hygienist Video, which includes a video player showing a dental hygienist in a clinical setting. The video title is Dental Hygienist. Below the video, the word Accreditation is visible.

Application statistics

Application Year	Number of Applications Received	Number of Students in Cohort	Number of Alternate Positions Utilized to Fill Cohort
2022	186	24	36
2023	181	24	19
2024	258	24	11
2025	289	24	25

Preparation for the SCC Dental Hygiene Program

Visit an Advisor for an Educational Plan at the Counseling Center

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- Science Courses: Combined GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - BIOL 430 Anatomy and Physiology
 - BIOL 431 Anatomy and Physiology
 - CHEM 305 Introduction to Chemistry
 - CHEM 306 Introduction to Chemistry
 - Or: CHEM 309 in place of CHEM 305 & CHEM 306
 - BIOL 440 General Microbiology
- Non-science Courses: 2.5 or higher
 - NUTRI 300 Nutrition
 - PSYC 300 General Principles
 - COMM 301 Introduction to Public Speaking OR COMM 331 Group Communication
 - SOC 300 Introductory Sociology
 - ENGWR 300 College Composition
 - Or, ESLWR 340
 - MATH 300 or MATH 333 or STAT 300 or STAT 480 or higher
 - **Ethnic Studies**

Enrollment Eligibility Update: Ethnic Studies

- The dental hygiene program needs to make a change to the enrollment eligibility requirements in response to AB 928. This assembly bill was designed to streamline the process by which California community college students may transfer to a four-year university. Our enrollment eligibility (Program Prerequisite) for cultural diversity will change from the Ethnic/Multicultural graduation requirement to the new Ethnic Studies graduation requirement. Implementation of this change starts Fall semester 2025 and will be in place at the time of our next application period October 1, 2025 - April 1, 2026.
- The LRCCD Ethnic Studies courses include:
 - ETHNS 300: Introduction to Ethnic Studies
 - ETHNS 320: Introduction to African American Studies
 - ETHNS 330: Introduction to Asian American Studies
 - ETHNS 350: Introduction to Native American Studies
 - ETHNS 360: Introduction to Chicana/o/x Studies

Previous Enrollment Eligibility Requirement: Ethnic/Multicultural Studies*

AH 301 is listed in previous catalogs but ALL of the Ethnic/Multicultural courses listed below are accepted to meet enrollment eligibility.

*This can only be used for enrollment eligibility with an approved "AA/AS General Education Requirements" form completed by a LRCCD counselor verifying your catalog year prior to 2025-2026.

VI. - Ethnic/Multicultural Studies (0-3 units minimum) – Most of these courses are also listed in Areas I–V and can be used to meet General Education requirements. Terms in parentheses note the effective term.

ADMJ 302 (F98); AH 301 (F07); ANTH 310 (F97), 324 (F18), 331 (F96), 332 (F95), 334 (F95), 341 (F05), 481 (F97); ARTH 320 (F93), 324 (F93), 325 (F07), 328 (F93), 332 (F93); BUS 330 (F04); COMM 325 (F93); DEAF 355 (F15), 362 (S16); ECE 430 (F93); ENGLT 327 (F06), 331 (F08), 332 (F08), 334 (F95), 335 (F99), 345 (F09), 346 (F99), 360 (F97), 365 (F09), 480 (F95), 481 (F95); ESLR 340 (F15); ETHNS 300 (F15), 320; (F15), 330 (F15), 340 (F15), 341 (F15), 350 (F15), 351 (F15); GEOG 310 (F95); GLST 301 (F18), 302, (F18), HIST 307 (F98), 308 (F98), 309 (F93), 310 (F99), 311 (F99), 314 (F12), 320 (F93), 321 (F93), 327 (F18), 344 (F96), 360 (F03), 364 (F93), 365 (F93), 373 (F93), 375 (F12), 380 (F04), 381 (F14), 483 (F00), 484 (F00) 485 (F17), 486 (F17), 487 (F17); HUM 320 (F16); JOUR 320 (F95); MUFHL 330 (F06); NUTRI 310 (F09); PHIL 352 (F93); POLS 312 (F07), 480 (S15); PSYC 367; SOC 321 (F93), SOC 482 (F14); TA 308 (F01), 454 (F93), 455 (F93); TAFILM 307 (S14)

Catalog Rights

- Students may choose to follow their catalog rights for prerequisites to the program, or they may choose to follow the prerequisites to the program listed at time of entry.
- If you plan to use **catalog rights and meet eligibility** with the Ethnic/Multicultural graduation requirement you will need an "AA/AS General Education Requirements" form completed by a LRCCD counselor verifying your catalog year prior to 2025-2026.
 - If you already have an "AA/AS General Education Requirements" form completed and it is missing the catalog year you will need to have a new form completed to upload into your 2025-2026 program application.

Catalog Rights

Definition of Catalog Right:

For the purpose of graduating or earning a certificate from any college in the Los Rios Community College District, a student who attends at least one session (whether quarter, semester, or summer) in each calendar year at any California community college, California State University, University of California, or any regionally accredited institution of higher education, may choose to meet the requirements in effect at the Los Rios college from which the student intends to graduate, as follows:

- Requirements that were in effect at the time the student was admitted to a Los Rios college
- Requirements that were in effect at the time the student originally enrolled in an accredited college
- Requirements that were in effect at the intended date of graduation from a Los Rios college

Please note:

- A college may authorize or request substitution for discontinued courses.
- Students who change their major field of study may be required to complete those requirements for the major in effect at the point of change.

Local GE to graduate and eligibility with catalog rights

- To graduate from a special program within the Los Rios District, students who have had a break in enrollment must meet the current General Education requirements. This includes the updated Local GE pattern, which now requires completion of an Ethnic Studies course.
 - Students meeting program eligibility with the Ethnic/Multicultural requirement (taken prior to 2025-2026 academic year) that did not maintain continuous enrollment while waiting to get accepted into the program will lose their catalog rights and need to take **Ethnic Studies to graduate**.
 - Continuous enrollment is defined as taking at least one class in either the fall or spring semester each academic year
 - A counselor must verify catalog rights to graduate with Ethnic/Multicultural or Ethnic Studies

Local GE to graduate and eligibility with a baccalaureate degree

- If the student meets eligibility with a baccalaureate degree, it will satisfy the GE requirements for graduation, so the distinction between ethnic/multicultural and ethnic studies will not be an issue for enrollment eligibility or a graduation petition.

“AA/AS General Education Requirements” form

- Make an appointment with general counseling to have this form completed. <https://www.scc.losrios.edu/counseling/>
- Make sure the catalog year is completed as this is required information if you wish to use an approved Ethnic/Multicultural Studies course for enrollment eligibility.

SAMPLE AA/AS General Education Requirements check-off list*

Sacramento City College
FOR COUNSELOR'S USE ONLY
COUNSELING DIVISION

AA/AS General Education Requirements
Check-off List

STUDENT: _____ STUDENT ID #: _____
Major: _____ Catalog Year: _____

GE REQUIREMENTS		List COURSE(s) Completed (If not SCC, also list institution)	REQ	UNITS		
AREAS				COMP	IP	NEED
I	Humanities	MUFHL				
II(a)	English Composition	ENGWR 300	3	X		
II(b)	Communication & Analytical Thinking	MATH 120	3	X		
III(a)	Physical Education (activity)	FITNS 371	3	X		
III(b)	Life Development Skills	NUTRI 300	1	X		
IV	Natural Sciences	BIOL 430	2	X		
V(a)	American Institutions	HIST 311	3	X		
V(b)	Other - Social and Behavioral Sciences	SOC 300	3	X		
VI	Ethnic/Multicultural Studies	HIST 311	3	X		
TOTALS			0-3	X		
			21-24			

COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS		COURSE/EXAM	COMP	NEED	IN PROG
Writing					
Reading - (satisfied with AA/AS degree)		ENGWR 300	X		
Mathematics		MATH 120	X		

*You MUST make an appointment with a LRCCD counselor to have this for completed.

The catalog year will be prior to 2025-2026 if you are using catalog rights for Ethnic Studies for enrollment eligibility

If you did not maintain continuous enrollment while waiting to get accepted into the program you will lose your catalog rights for Ethnic/Multicultural and will need to take Ethnic Studies to graduate. If this is your situation it is **strongly advised to take the Ethnic Studies GE requirement now** so you don't have to take it while in the program.

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- General Education Requirements to earn an AS degree in dental Hygiene
- Although it is not required to be GE eligible when applying the dental hygiene program, it is a good idea to complete as many of these as possible before entering the program

Sacramento City College 2017-2018 A.A./A.S. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To earn an Associate in Arts/Science degree:
1. Complete a minimum of 60 degree applicable units with an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better.
2. A minimum of 21 units must be completed at Sacramento City College.
3. Complete courses for the major with a "C" grade or better and general education requirements.
4. Complete Competency Requirements for Reading, Writing, and Mathematics.

EXCEPTION: Students who possess a baccalaureate or higher degree completed at a college or university accredited through a CREA (Council for Higher Education Accreditation) recognized Regional Accrediting Agency will have satisfied general education and competency requirements for the AA or AS degree. Degrees from accredited institutions outside of the United States will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Note: Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are listed in more than one area but can be used to satisfy ONLY ONE AREA (except Area VI, Ethnic/Multicultural Studies).

Competency Requirements - Complete all three areas (A, B, and C)

AREA	Comp	In Prog	Need
A. READING Competency 1. Achieve a qualifying reading score on the Reading assessment or 2. Complete one of the following courses with a grade of "C" or better: ENGRD 205, 310, 312, ESLR 340 or 3. Satisfactory completion of one of the following General Education Patterns: The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC); or The California State University General Education-Ready Requirements or 4. Obtain a satisfactory score on a college-level reading examination or 5. Possess an AA/AS degree or higher from an accredited college in the U.S. or 6. Pass an equivalent course at an accredited college.			
B. WRITING Competency 1. Complete one of the following courses with a grade of "C" or better: BUS 310, ENGRW 300, 488, ESLW 340 or 2. Pass an equivalent course ("C" grade or better) at an accredited college in the U.S.			
C. MATHEMATICS Competency 1. Complete one of the following courses with a grade of "C" or better: ECON 310, MATH 110, 112, 124, 140, 300, 310, 335, 340, 342, 350, 351, 370, 400, 401, 402, 410, 420, STAT 300, 480 or 2. Obtain a satisfactory score on the mathematics competency examination or 3. Pass an equivalent course ("C" grade or better) at an accredited college in the U.S.			

I. Humanities (3 units minimum)	Comp	In Prog	Need
ANTH 321, ARABIC 401, 402, ARCT 300, 320, 390, 420, 440, ARTH 300, 301, 304, 306, 307, 308, 310, 312, 313, 314, 316, 320, 324, 325, 326, 330, 332, 334, 410, 484, 486, 487, 488, GANT 401, 402, 411, 412, COMM 305, DEAF 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 330, ENGRW 400, 410, 420, 421, ENGLT 303, 304, 310, 311, 317, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 344, 346, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 403, 404, 480, 481, ENGRW 307*, 308, ENLR 340, PASHN 330, PREN 101, 102, 111, 112, 401, 402, 411, 412, GREEN 401, 402, HIST 300*, 307*, 370*, 380*, HIND 300, 302, 303, 305, 307, 308, 309*, 310*, 311*, 332*, 333*, 334*, 335*, 336*, 337*, 338*, 339*, 340*, 341*, 342*, 343*, 344*, 345*, 346*, 347*, 348*, 349*, 350*, 351*, 352*, 353*, 354*, 355*, 356*, 357*, 358*, 359*, 360*, 361*, 362*, 363*, 364*, 365*, 366*, 367*, 368*, 369*, 370*, 371*, 372*, 373*, 374*, 375*, 376*, 377*, 378*, 379*, 380*, 381*, 382*, 383*, 384*, 385*, 386*, 387*, 388*, 389*, 390*, 391*, 392*, 393*, 394*, 395*, 396*, 397*, 398*, 399*, 400*, 401*, 402*, 403*, 404*, 405*, 406*, 407*, 408*, 409*, 410*, 411*, 412*, 413*, 414*, 415*, 416*, 417*, 418*, 419*, 420*, 421*, 422*, 423*, 424*, 425*, 426*, 427*, 428*, 429*, 430*, 431*, 432*, 433*, 434*, 435*, 436*, 437*, 438*, 439*, 440*, 441*, 442*, 443*, 444*, 445*, 446*, 447*, 448*, 449*, 450*, 451*, 452*, 453*, 454*, 455*, 456*, 457*, 458*, 459*, 460*, 461*, 462*, 463*, 464*, 465*, 466*, 467*, 468*, 469*, 470*, 471*, 472*, 473*, 474*, 475*, 476*, 477*, 478*, 479*, 480*, 481*, 482*, 483*, 484*, 485*, 486*, 487*, 488*, 489*, 490*, 491*, 492*, 493*, 494*, 495*, 496*, 497*, 498*, 499*, 500*, 501*, 502*, 503*, 504*, 505*, 506*, 507*, 508*, 509*, 510*, 511*, 512*, 513*, 514*, 515*, 516*, 517*, 518*, 519*, 520*, 521*, 522*, 523*, 524*, 525*, 526*, 527*, 528*, 529*, 530*, 531*, 532*, 533*, 534*, 535*, 536*, 537*, 538*, 539*, 540*, 541*, 542*, 543*, 544*, 545*, 546*, 547*, 548*, 549*, 550*, 551*, 552*, 553*, 554*, 555*, 556*, 557*, 558*, 559*, 560*, 561*, 562*, 563*, 564*, 565*, 566*, 567*, 568*, 569*, 570*, 571*, 572*, 573*, 574*, 575*, 576*, 577*, 578*, 579*, 580*, 581*, 582*, 583*, 584*, 585*, 586*, 587*, 588*, 589*, 590*, 591*, 592*, 593*, 594*, 595*, 596*, 597*, 598*, 599*, 600*, 601*, 602*, 603*, 604*, 605*, 606*, 607*, 608*, 609*, 610*, 611*, 612*, 613*, 614*, 615*, 616*, 617*, 618*, 619*, 620*, 621*, 622*, 623*, 624*, 625*, 626*, 627*, 628*, 629*, 630*, 631*, 632*, 633*, 634*, 635*, 636*, 637*, 638*, 639*, 640*, 641*, 642*, 643*, 644*, 645*, 646*, 647*, 648*, 649*, 650*, 651*, 652*, 653*, 654*, 655*, 656*, 657*, 658*, 659*, 660*, 661*, 662*, 663*, 664*, 665*, 666*, 667*, 668*, 669*, 670*, 671*, 672*, 673*, 674*, 675*, 676*, 677*, 678*, 679*, 680*, 681*, 682*, 683*, 684*, 685*, 686*, 687*, 688*, 689*, 690*, 691*, 692*, 693*, 694*, 695*, 696*, 697*, 698*, 699*, 700*, 701*, 702*, 703*, 704*, 705*, 706*, 707*, 708*, 709*, 710*, 711*, 712*, 713*, 714*, 715*, 716*, 717*, 718*, 719*, 720*, 721*, 722*, 723*, 724*, 725*, 726*, 727*, 728*, 729*, 730*, 731*, 732*, 733*, 734*, 735*, 736*, 737*, 738*, 739*, 740*, 741*, 742*, 743*, 744*, 745*, 746*, 747*, 748*, 749*, 750*, 751*, 752*, 753*, 754*, 755*, 756*, 757*, 758*, 759*, 760*, 761*, 762*, 763*, 764*, 765*, 766*, 767*, 768*, 769*, 770*, 771*, 772*, 773*, 774*, 775*, 776*, 777*, 778*, 779*, 780*, 781*, 782*, 783*, 784*, 785*, 786*, 787*, 788*, 789*, 790*, 791*, 792*, 793*, 794*, 795*, 796*, 797*, 798*, 799*, 800*, 801*, 802*, 803*, 804*, 805*, 806*, 807*, 808*, 809*, 810*, 811*, 812*, 813*, 814*, 815*, 816*, 817*, 818*, 819*, 820*, 821*, 822*, 823*, 824*, 825*, 826*, 827*, 828*, 829*, 830*, 831*, 832*, 833*, 834*, 835*, 836*, 837*, 838*, 839*, 840*, 841*, 842*, 843*, 844*, 845*, 846*, 847*, 848*, 849*, 850*, 851*, 852*, 853*, 854*, 855*, 856*, 857*, 858*, 859*, 860*, 861*, 862*, 863*, 864*, 865*, 866*, 867*, 868*, 869*, 870*, 871*, 872*, 873*, 874*, 875*, 876*, 877*, 878*, 879*, 880*, 881*, 882*, 883*, 884*, 885*, 886*, 887*, 888*, 889*, 890*, 891*, 892*, 893*, 894*, 895*, 896*, 897*, 898*, 899*, 900*, 901*, 902*, 903*, 904*, 905*, 906*, 907*, 908*, 909*, 910*, 911*, 912*, 913*, 914*, 915*, 916*, 917*, 918*, 919*, 920*, 921*, 922*, 923*, 924*, 925*, 926*, 927*, 928*, 929*, 930*, 931*, 932*, 933*, 934*, 935*, 936*, 937*, 938*, 939*, 940*, 941*, 942*, 943*, 944*, 945*, 946*, 947*, 948*, 949*, 950*, 951*, 952*, 953*, 954*, 955*, 956*, 957*, 958*, 959*, 960*, 961*, 962*, 963*, 964*, 965*, 966*, 967*, 968*, 969*, 970*, 971*, 972*, 973*, 974*, 975*, 976*, 977*, 978*, 979*, 980*, 981*, 982*, 983*, 984*, 985*, 986*, 987*, 988*, 989*, 990*, 991*, 992*, 993*, 994*, 995*, 996*, 997*, 998*, 999*, 1000*			
II. Languages and Rationality (6 units minimum) 3 units from II(a) and 3 units from II (b)	Comp	In Prog	Need
II (a) English Composition (3 units minimum): BUS 210, ENGRW 300, 301*, 302*, 303*, 482*, 488, ESLW 340			
II (b) Communication and Analytical Thinking (3 units minimum): ARBO 300, CMC 310, CEN 300, 302, 303, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 340, 342, 344, 346, 378, CISP 301, 310, 320, 350, 360, 400, 401, 420, 440, 442, COMM 400, 410, COMM 301, 311, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000*			
III. Living Skills (3 units min.) - 1 course from III (a) and 2 units minimum from III (b) OR III (c) if student meets Military Service Credit requirements.	Comp	In Prog	Need
III (a) Physical Education (1 course minimum) - any activity course from: ETHNS 307, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 340, 342, 344, 346, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000*			
III (b) Life Development Skills (2 units minimum) ADMJ 303, AH 126, 301, BUS 320, 498 (minimum 2 units), BUOTEC 351, COMM 321, 335, ECE 314*, 415, DEAF 480 (minimum 2 units), ECON 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 410, 420, 430, 440, 450, 460, 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530, 540, 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 600, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 670, 680, 690, 700, 710, 720, 730, 740, 750, 760, 770, 780, 790, 800, 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 880, 890, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990, 1000*			
III (c) Military Service Credit (honorable discharge) with minimum of one(1) year / active duty service. Submit copy of DD 214 to the Admissions & Records office.			

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IV. Natural Sciences (3 units minimum) - Courses with (L only) indicates a lab course only for one unit.	Comp	In Prog	Need
ADMJ 332*, ANTH 300, 301 (L only), 303*, 480, ASTR 310, 320, 330, 400 (L only), BIOL 100, 305, 308, 314, 320, 321, 326, 327, 330, 332, 342, 350, 351, 352, 370, 402, 412, 422, 430, 431, 434, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570,			

MATH Enrollment Eligibility Requirement

- MATH 300 or MATH 333 or STAT 300 or STAT 480 or higher is required.
We no longer can accept Math Competency.
- **MATH 120** will need an AA/AS General Education Requirements form completed with SCC counseling

COMM Enrollment Eligibility Requirement

- Either COMM 301 Public Speaking OR COMM 331 Group Communication are now accepted.

COVID Update: Cohort Size

- No cohort was accepted for the 2020-2022 cohort.
- A reduced cohort was accepted for the 2021-2023 cohort in response to the Pandemic. We accepted 19 students instead of 24.
- A reduced cohort was accepted for the 2022-2024 cohort in response to the Pandemic. We accepted 14 students instead of 24.
- A full cohort of 24 students was accepted for the 2023-2025 cohort.

- We are back to full cohorts each year.

COVID Update: Eligibility with online science labs

- Online science labs accepted Spring 2020-Spring 2022.
 - Science labs Summer 2022 and forward must have a face-to-face lab. The lecture portion of science courses may be online.
 - During the COVID-19 campus closures, we were able to accept online science labs because a waiver was temporarily approved. The waiver ended Spring semester - May 2022.

Eligibility: Highschool Diploma or Equivalent

- “A high school diploma or the recognized equivalent, which will permit entrance to a college or university accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or Council for Higher Education Accreditation (DHBC)”

Eligibility: Highschool Advanced Placement courses

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Score Exemption may ONLY be accepted in lieu of these courses:

- ENGWR 300 College Composition or ESLW 340 Advanced Composition
- MATH 120 or MATH 300 or MATH 333 or STAT 300 or STAT 480 or higher

“College-level general education courses in the topic areas of (DHBC):

- (i) Oral Communication
- (ii) Written Communication *
- (iii) Psychology
- (iv) Sociology
- (v) Mathematics *
- (vi) Cultural Diversity
- (vii) Nutrition

* Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Score Exemption may be accepted in lieu of this course.”

Equivalency for out-of-Los Rios District Courses

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Application Requirements

+ Minimum Requirements for Admission to the Program

+ Required Prerequisite Courses

- Transcripts and Course Equivalency

- Submit transcripts for all coursework taken outside of the Los Rios Community Colleges (American River, Cosumnes River, Folsom Lake, and Sacramento City colleges) to the [Admissions and Records Office](#).
- Check your classes on the [Dental Hygiene Equivalency Course List \(PDF\)](#), because your prior coursework may count toward required classes for the Dental Hygiene program.
- If you don't see your course from another institution on the Equivalency Chart, but believe it should be counted, complete a [Course Substitution Petition](#) and be sure to give yourself at least two weeks for processing. A copy of your approved petition must be on file with Admissions and Records prior to meeting with a counselor to complete your Course Verification form for application to the Dental Hygiene program.

DENTAL HYGIENE EQUIVALENT COURSES FOR SCC ONLY
Revised January 30, 2021

Code	Explanation
	College has a Dental Hygiene program
	No dental hygiene program
None	No comparable course is offered

IMPORTANT: The courses listed for colleges that have a dental hygiene program (shaded) ARE NOT all of the courses required by that college for their program. This chart reflects "equivalent courses to SCC only", as counselors requested. For students transferring to another college, you will need to check their catalog for specific requirements.

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

	English	Psychology	Anatomy	Physiology	Microbiology	Chemistry		Nutrition	Comm	Sociology	DH	Math
						Inorganic	Organic w/ bio them					
SCC	ENGR 300	PSYC 300	BIOL 430 & 431	BIOL 440	CHEM 305 or CHEM 309	CHEM 306	FCS 340/NUTRI 300	COMM 301 or 331	SOC 300	100	MATH 120 or 124	
ARC	ENGR 300	PSYC 300	BIOL 430 & 431	BIOL 440 or 442	CHEM 305 or CHEM 309	CHEM 306	NUTRI 300	SPEECH 301 or 331	SOC 300	none	MATH 120	
CRC	ENGR 300	PSYC 300	BIOL 430 & 431	BIOL 440	CHEM 305 or CHEM 309	CHEM 306	NUTRI 300	COMM 301 or 331	SOC 300	none	MATH 120	
FLC	ENGR 300	PSYC 300	BIOL 430 & 431	BIOL 440 or 442	CHEM 305 or CHEM 309	CHEM 306	NUTRI 300	COMM 301 or 331	SOC 300	none	MATH 120	
Alameda	ENGL 1A	PSYCH 1A	BIOL 2	BIOL 4	None	CHEM 30A	CHEM 30B	BIOL 31	COMM 45 or 4	SOC 1	none	MATH 205
Allen Hancock	ENGL 101	PSYC 101	BIOL 124	BIOL 125	BIOL 128	CHEM 150 or 120	CHEM 180 or 140	FSN 109	SPCH 101	SOC 101	none	MATH 331 or 333/334
Antelope Valley	ENGL 101	PSY 101	BIOL 201 & 201L	BIOL 202 & 202L	BIOL 204 & 204L	CHEM 110 or 101	CHEM 210 or 102	NP 100	COMM 101 or 109	SOC 101	none	MATH 102
Bakerfield	ENGL B1A	PSYC B1a	BIOL B32 & B33 or	BIOL B16	CHEM B1a	CHEM B1b	NUTRI B10	COMM B1 or B5	SOCI B1	none	none	
Barstow Community	ENGL 1A	PSYC 1	BIOL 4	BIOL 5	BIOL 6	CHEM 1	none	HEAL 2 or HOME 2	SPCH 1	SOCI 1	none	MATH 55

Course Substitution Petition

- If you took a course not on the “DH Equivalency Course List” you may submit a Course Substitution Petition
- Online Form:
<https://scc.losrios.edu/admissions/admissions-and-records-office/course-substitution-petition>

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The screenshot displays the Sacramento City College website. At the top, the college's logo and name are visible, along with navigation links for Student Login, Apply, Employees, and other services. A dark red navigation bar contains links for Why SCC?, Admissions, Academics, Student Resources, Campus Life, and About Us. Below this is a yellow banner with the text "Course Substitution Petition". A breadcrumb trail shows the path: Home > Admissions > Get Started and Apply > Admissions and Records Office > Course Substitution Petition. A left sidebar menu includes "Get Started and Apply", "Frequently Asked Questions", "Admissions and Records Office", "Residency Requirements", "> Course Substitution Petition", "Submit Transcripts", "Order Official Transcripts", and "Enrollment Verifications". The main content area features the heading "Need to Request that a Course You Have Taken at Another College Be Substituted for a Course at SCC?" followed by instructions to complete an online form. A text box contains the text "My course has a Course Identification Numbering System (C-ID)". Below this is the title "Petition for a Course Substitution" and a section titled "About You" with form fields for Name (First and Last), Your Los Rios W-ID Number, Your Email, and Your Phone Number. A "QUESTIONS" chat button is visible in the bottom right corner.

Course Substitution Decision Tree



Minimum Requirements for Admission into the SCC Dental Hygiene Program

- High school diploma or GED
- Complete online SCC program application **prior to the April 1st deadline**
- Completed SCC program pre-requisite courses
- Minimum 3.0 (4.0 scale) in science program pre-requisite courses*
- Minimum 2.5 in non-science program pre-requisite courses*
- Complete online application and submit official transcripts to SCC Admission and Records **prior to the April 1st deadline**

No C-, D or F grades are accepted

Minimum Requirements for Admission into the SCC Dental Hygiene Program

Two changes to enrollment eligibility:

1. Removal of DHYG 100
2. 7-year recency on science courses
 - BIOL 430 and 431, Anatomy and Physiology; BIOL 440, General Microbiology; CHEM 305 and CHEM 306 or CHEM 309
 - Once students meet enrollment eligibility and are on the wait list the recency requirement will not continue during reapplication years.
 - Recency will not apply to students already of the wait list.
 - Implemented 2023

Application Process

- Complete the **online application between October 1 and April 1** to apply for the fall semester program start.
 - Upload (PDF) **unofficial transcripts** from all colleges attended into the online application
 - Upload (PDF) any **approved Course Substitution Petition(s)** with supporting catalog course description
- Submission of one official transcript, from any college(s) outside of the Los Rios District, to the SCC Admissions and Records Department **prior to April 1st**

Student Selection Process

Eligible students are selected for the program according to the following steps:

1. After April 1st, all applicants are placed in a lottery pool for selection. The Program director will verify that each applicant only has their name once in the pool.
2. The list of all applicants is given to the division Dean, who randomizes the list by using a computer program. Dental faculty and/or staff are not involved in the randomization process.
3. The randomized list is returned to the dental hygiene Program director. The foremost applicants on the list will be evaluated for eligibility by the Program director until 24 eligible applicants are identified.
 - Once 24 eligible applicants are identified, offers of admission are emailed to the applicants by the Program director.
 - Offers of admission are sent within 2-4 weeks of the application close date.
 - Alternates are utilized when eligible applicants from the top 24 decline admission.
 - Alternates are selected based upon their position on the randomized list.
 - When an alternate is utilized the Program director will evaluate their application for eligibility.
 - Eligible alternates will be notified using the email provided in their online application and have 24 hours to respond. If the alternate does not respond within the 24-hour period they will be no longer considered, and the next alternate will be contacted.
- The Program director evaluates applications for eligibility, only for candidate being reviewed for admission into a cohort.
- At any time, all applicants have the option to view Program eligibility requirements on the website and/or meet with a SCC counselor to obtain eligibility guidance.

Students accepted for enrollment into the Dental Hygiene Program will be required to provide documentation of:

- capability to perform essential job-related functions of a dental hygienist
- complete physical examination and immunizations
- TB test
- completion of criminal background check
- 8-panel drug screen test which includes THC
- Castlebrach online HIPPA and OSHA Training
- SCC facilitates a required on-site CODA approved CPR course during the new student orientation week

Essential Functions of a Dental Hygiene Student

SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE - ALLIED HEALTH ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS REQUIRED OF ALLIED HEALTH STUDENTS

MOTOR CAPABILITY:

1. Move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.
2. Transfer patients who may require physical assistance.
3. Guard and assist patients with ambulation.
4. Perform exercise techniques, including applying resistance during exercise.
5. Lift and carry up to 50 pounds, and exert up to 100 pounds force for push/pull.
6. Squat, crawl, bend/stoop, reach above shoulder level, kneel, use standing balance, and climb stairs.
7. Use hands repetitively; use manual dexterity.
8. Adjust, apply, and clean therapeutic equipment.
9. Perform CPR.
10. Travel to and from academic and clinical sites.
11. In the average clinical day students sit 1-2 hours, stand 6-7 hours, travel 1-3 hours.

SENSORY CAPABILITY:

1. Coordinate verbal and manual instruction.
2. Assess a patient 10 feet away to observe patients posture and response to treatment.
3. Respond to a timer, alarm, or cries for help.
4. Monitor vital signs.
5. Auditory, visual, and tactile ability sufficient to assess patient status and perform treatments. (Example: color changes in skin, hear heart and lung sounds)

COMMUNICATION ABILITY:

1. Communicate effectively with patients, families, and other health care providers, both verbally and in writing. (Example: explain treatment procedures; teach patients and families, document in charts)
2. Effectively adapt communication for intended audience.
3. Interact; establish rapport with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds.
4. Assume the role of a health care team member.
5. Function effectively under supervision.

PROBLEM SOLVING ABILITY:

1. Function effectively under stress.
2. Respond appropriately to emergencies.
3. Adhere to infection control procedures.
4. Demonstrate problem-solving skills in patient care. (measure, calculate, reason, prioritize, synthesize data)
5. Use sound judgment and safety precautions.
6. Address problems or questions to the appropriate person at the appropriate time.
7. Organize and prioritize job tasks.
8. Follow policies and procedures required by clinical and academic settings.

I have reviewed the *Essential Functions Required of Allied Health Students* and anticipate that I will be able to perform these functions:

_____ Without accommodations

_____ With accommodations (please explain)

Signature _____

Essential Functions of a Dental Hygiene Student

EVIDENCE OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

Students are required to have a complete **physical examination** utilizing the Los Rios Community College District health form. This must be submitted prior to starting DHYG 101. All students must submit a **drug screen** prior to beginning the first semester and if a break in continuous enrollment in the dental hygiene program occurs. The requirements are in accord with hospital policy mandating that students are in good physical and mental health and free from communicable disease when caring for patients. When a student has an identified chronic condition, a physician's verification of the condition and of the ability to perform “Essential Functions Required of Allied Health Students” without restrictions is required. This form is part of the application packet.

Students with Communicable Disease(s)

Infectious Diseases

- All new dental hygiene students are required to undergo a physical examination before entering the program. As part of this examination, all students are required to have a **PPD test for Tuberculosis** and have their **vaccinations** for normal childhood diseases up-to-date. Because of the requirements of our off-campus facilities, all students are now required to undergo the series of the three **Hepatitis B vaccination** injections before they can see patients.
- At the beginning of their second year, the students are again required to be tested for tuberculosis. Individual records are maintained in the students' file. Compliance records are maintained by the program director using the Castlebranch data management system.
- Student may be asked to consult his/her physician if health conditions appear to be impeding performance in course work and/or may be asked to withdraw from the program if health conditions warrant such an action.

Students with Injury or Disability

- If a health condition is present which impedes or limits the students' ability to provide patient care or limits the students' physical capacity the program director must be notified. Such health conditions include but are not limited to:
 - TB, hepatitis, infectious diseases, physical injuries or disabilities, & others.
 - The student may be asked to consult his/her physician if health conditions appear to be impeding performance in course work and/or may be asked to withdraw from the program if health conditions warrant such an action.
 - Re-entry may be an option if the student is leaving in good academic standing.

Course Sequence Clock Hours

Additional time required outside of the 1,676 clock hours:

- Study time
- Observations
- Externship
- Community service
- Homework
- Group projects
- Research
- Other.....

Course Number	Course Title	Credit* Hours	Clock Hours/Week			Faculty/Student Ratio			Faculty Person Responsible
			Lec.	Lab.	Clinical	Lec.	Lab	Clinic	
First Term:									
DHYG 101	Preclinic	6	36	216	0	1:24	1:5	----	Lake
DHYG 103	Oral Histology	1	18	0	0	1:24	----	----	Gates
DHYG 104	Patient Education	2	36	0	0	1:24	----	----	Jones
DHYG 107	Morphology	1.5	18	27	0	1:24	1:24	----	Ganas
DHYG 109	Infection Control	0.5	9	0	0	1:24	1:5	----	Lake
DHYG 127	Dental Materials	2	27	27	0	1:24	1:10	----	Gates
		13	144	270	0				
Second Term:									
DHYG 111	Clinic I	4	36	50	67	1:24	1:5	1:5	Lake
DHYG 112	Periodontics I	2	36	0	0	1:24	----	----	Gates
DHYG 113	Head & Neck Anatomy	2	36	0	0	1:24	----	----	Bravo
DHYG 117	Radiology	3	36	54	0	1:24	1:5	----	Ganas
		11	144	104	67				
Six-week Summer Term:									
DHYG 121	Clinic II	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>110</u>	----	----	1:5	Bravo
		2	0	0	110				
Third Term									
DHYG 129	Dental Anesthesia	2	27	27	0	1:24	1:5	----	Fellman
DHYG 131	Clinic III	4.5	0	0	252	----	----	1:5	Jones/Gates
DHYG 134	Community Health	2	18	54	0	1:24	1:24	----	Bravo
DHYG 135	Seminar I (gerontology)	1.5	27	0	0	1:24	----	----	Jones/Gates
DHYG 138	Oral Pathology	2	36	0	0	1:24	----	----	Ganas
DHYG 139	Pharmacology	<u>2</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	1:24	----	----	Lake
		14	144	81	252				
Fourth Term									
DHYG 132	Periodontics II	1	9	27	0	1:24	1:5	----	Gates
DHYG 141	Clinic IV	4.5	0	0	252	----	----	1:5	Jones/Gates
DHYG 145	Seminar II	1	9	27	0	----	1:5	----	Jones/Gates
DHYG 149	Ethics	<u>2</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	1:24	----	----	Jones
		8.5	54	54	252	1:24	----	----	
Total		48.5	486	509	681				
			Total: 1676 Program Clock Hours						

Competency List

Sacramento City College Dental Hygiene Program Competencies for Entry into the Dental Hygiene Profession

Fall: 1 st Year *Child/Adolescent/Adult Competency (1/2 mouth)	Health Promotion and Disease <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHYG 104: Caries Risk Assessment/CAMBRA DHYG 104: Nutritional DHYG 104: Tobacco Assessment 	Patient/Client Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Orientation: Emergency Protocol DHYG 101: Vitals DHYG 101: EQ/ID DHYG 101: Mirror/positioning/Gingival Description Periodontal Probing DHYG 101: Exploring DHYG 101: Coronal Polish DHYG 101: Sickle DHYG 101: Universal Curette DHYG 101: Gravel DHYG 107: Occlusal Sealants DHYG 101/109: Sterilization/PPE/Handwashing/unit setup & breakdown
Spring: 1 st Year *Child Competency	Patient/Client Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Emergency calibration with DDS DHYG 111: Emergency Protocol DHYG 111: Lexi-Comp DHYG 111: Subgingival ultrasonics DHYG 111: Root Planing DHYG 111: Instrument Sharpening DHYG 117: FMX DHYG 117: BWX DHYG 117: Vertical BWX 	
Summer: 2 nd Year *Adolescent Competency	Patient/Client Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Emergency calibration with DDS DHYG 121: Health History DHYG 121: Cedo Assessment DHYG 121: Treatment Planning DHYG 121: Periodontal Probing DHYG 121: Definitive Scale DHYG 121 Quad Scale DHYG 121: Preventive Counseling/DHI DHYG 129: IAN/L/B, PSA, GP, NP, MX/MD Infiltration, Mental/Incisive, AMSA, MSA, ASA field block 	
Fall: 2 nd Year *Adult Competency	Patient/Client Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Emergency calibration with DDS DHYG 131: Emergency Protocol DHYG 131: Health History DHYG 131: Cedo Assessment DHYG 131: Restorative Charting DHYG 131: Treatment Planning DHYG 131: Periodontal Probing DHYG 131: Definitive Scale DHYG 131: Quad Scale DHYG 131: Preventive Counseling/DHI DHYG 131: Cedo Re-eval DHYG 132: Oral Rx DHYG 132: STC 	
Spring: 2 nd Year *Geriatric Competency *Special Needs Patient Competency 20121 MF	Patient/Client Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Emergency calibration with DDS DHYG 141: Emergency Protocol DHYG 141: Health History DHYG 141: Cedo Assessment DHYG 141: Restorative Charting DHYG 141: Treatment Planning DHYG 141: Periodontal Probing DHYG 141: Definitive Scale DHYG 141: Quad Scale DHYG 141: MOCK Board DHYG 141: Preventive Counseling/DHI DHYG 141: Cedo Re-eval DHYG 145: Nitrous Oxide 	

Program Re-Entry Policy

Students who leave the program will be classified as:

Leaving “in good standing”

The student leaves the program and has received or is currently receiving at least a “C” in all dental hygiene courses at the time of his/her departure.

Leaving “not in good standing”

Student will be considered “not in good standing” if one or more of the following conditions occur in any SCC dental hygiene course:

- The student receives a grade of “C-“or “F” in any didactic or clinical course.
- The student is considered, by the dental hygiene faculty, to be deficient in their clinical skills to a point where it is unsafe for them to work on patients.

Program Re-Entry Policy

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RE-ENTRY:

- Students receiving a grade of “C-“ or “F” in a dental hygiene course **or** is considered deficient in clinical skills will not be eligible for re-entry and may not reapply to the program.
- Students receiving more than one deficient grade in any semester will not be eligible for re-entry.
- Students receiving more than one deficient grade in any academic year will not be eligible for re-entry.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- If a health condition is present which impedes or limits the students' ability to provide patient care or limits the students' physical capacity the program director must be notified. Such health conditions include but are not limited to:
 - TB, hepatitis, infectious diseases, physical injuries or disabilities, and others.
- The student may be asked to consult his/her physician if health conditions appear to be impeding performance in course work and/or may be asked to withdraw from the program if health conditions warrant such an action.

Student Success Strategies: Clinical/Didactic Tracking and Midterm Conferences

- The program director, clinic faculty, and adjunct faculty all review students' academic and clinical performance.
- Students are informed of program expectation at the new student orientation. Students are also informed of course achievements and how the course relates to continuation in each component of the program during syllabus review on the first day of each course. Program expectations are also conveyed to students at midterm.
- Clinical courses offer midterm conferences with the clinic lead instructors. At midterm, didactic courses have the overall grade visible to students.

Student Success Strategies: Remediation contracts

- Deficient clinical and didactic grades at midterm initiate a remediation plan developed by the student, faculty and program director.

Needs Improvement / Learning Experience Plan
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Student

Course

Observation(s):

The above observation(s) indicate(s) that in order to progress toward meeting the course objectives, the student should seek the following learning experience(s):

If student does not meet these objectives or is deemed unsafe by the instructor the student will be placed on an Educational Agreement.

Student: _____

Date: _____

Instructor: _____

Date: _____

Student Success Strategies: National Board Dental Hygiene Exam (NBDHE)

Dental hygiene HESI (Health Educational Systems Incorporated Exam)

- Elsevier's Review & Testing for Dental Hygiene is a comprehensive suite of products that combines proven HESI preparation and testing with trusted Elsevier remediation content.
- We assess student understanding and clinical decision-making skills in specific content areas.
- Exams included in our program include:
 - Scientific Basis for Dental Hygiene (Program Developed Exam)
 - Provisions of Clinical Dental Hygiene (Program Developed Exam)
 - Community Health/Research Principles (Program Developed Exam)
 - End of Program Exit HESI (Elsevier Developed Exam)
- By using critical thinking exams we assess a student's readiness for the national licensure examination. The HESI Exit Exam helps us identify each student's strengths and weaknesses and provide individualized tutor remediation to address knowledge deficits prior to taking the national licensure examination.

– Costs of the Program

In addition to normal student expenses, the Dental Hygiene Program requires an expenditure of approximately \$11,700.00. Costs listed are estimates only; exact costs may vary. Funds paid for instruments, equipment, uniforms, SADHA, DCHA, and class dues are non-refundable.

Additional Expenses

ESTIMATED EXPENSE	APPROXIMATE COST
Clinic Shoes (OSHA approved)	\$50.00 to 75.00
Clinical Instruments and Equipment (Bookstore / HuFriedy)	\$5,346.53
Uniforms	\$150.00
SADHA (Student California Dental Hygienists' Association) Membership	\$65.00
Hepatitis B Vaccine	\$115.00 to 135.00
Magnification Glasses and Light	\$1,180.00+
Malpractice Insurance 1 st Yr, 2 nd Yr./ SCC)	\$15.00
Class Dues (1 st Yr., 2 nd Yr.)	Usually about \$20.00 per month
CDHA Dues (1 st Yr., 2 nd Yr.)	\$25.00
Books: The program has implemented no cost books for all courses. The workbooks below are the only books purchased by students in the program:	Varied Costs
<i>Dental Embryology, Histology, and Anatomy</i>	\$75.00
<i>Head and Neck Anatomy</i>	\$75.00
Books for 109 Infection Control, included in your instrument issue	\$50.00
HESI Assessments	\$170.00
ProctorU	\$200.00
Program CPR	\$75.00
Anna Pattison Videos	\$99.99
H&N Anatomy digital 3-D learning program	\$100.00
Gloves: Students will be responsible for providing their own gloves. Sample gloves from various vendors will be available for sizing during the orientation. Ten boxes are recommended at a cost of about \$7.00/box.	\$70.00+
Required laptop with camera and internet	Varies

Once Funds are paid for Instruments/Equipment, Uniforms, SADHA, CDHA, and Class Dues, these funds will be Non-Refundable; there are no exceptions.

Program Completion Rates

Cohort	Size of Original Cohort	Total Completing Program
2012-2014	24	21
2013-2015	24	21
2014-2016	24	22
2015-2017	24	23
2016-2018	24	21
2017-2019	24	24
2018-2020	24	22
2019-2021	24	22
2020-2022	0 Program did not admit a cohort because of COVID.	NA
2021-2023	18 Program admitted a reduced cohort because of COVID.	16
2022-2024	14 Program admitted a reduced cohort because of COVID.	TBD

Program Outcomes DATA

Cohort	National Board	Clinical Board
2012		
1 st attempt	22/23 96%	23/23 100%
2 nd attempt	23/23 100%	
2013		
1 st attempt	19/19 100%	17/19 89%
2 nd attempt		18/19 95%
3 rd attempt		19/19 100%
2014		
1 st attempt	16/21 76%	19/21 90%
2 nd attempt	17/21 81%	21/21 100%
3 rd attempt	21/21 100%	
2015		
1 st attempt	21/21 100%	21/21 100%
2 nd attempt		
2016		
1 st attempt	22/22 100%	21/22 95%
2 nd attempt		22/22 100%
2017		
1 st attempt	22/23 96%	22/23 100%
2 nd attempt	23/23 100%	
2018		
1 st attempt	20/21 95%	21/21 100%
2 nd attempt	21/21 100%	
2019		
1 st attempt	22/24 90%	24/24 100%
2 nd attempt	24/24 100%	
2020		
1 st attempt	21/22 95%	22/22 100%
2 nd attempt	21/22 95%	
3 rd attempt	22/22 100%	
2021		
1 st attempt	20/22 91%	22/22 100%
2 nd attempt	22/22 100%	
2022		
*Did not admit a cohort	NA	NA

Cohort	Employment in a dental office or continuing education. (6 months post grad)	(1 year post grad)
2012	22/23	23/23
2013	14/19 *5 unknown	19/19
2014	12/21 *6 unknown	20/21
2015	21/21	21/21
2016	22/22	22/22
2017	22/23	23/23
2018	21/21	21/21
2019	24/24	24/24
2020	22/22	22/22
2021	TBD	TBD
2022	NA	NA
*Did not admit a cohort		

Thank You for Your Interest in SCC



SCC Dental Hygiene Students class 2019

June 5, 2025

Need Further Information

- Contact the Program Director/Chair
 - Sacramento City College, Dental Hygiene Program



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EDUCATION

EdD: University of Nevada Reno – Doctorate of Education, Higher Education Leadership
MPH: University of Nevada Reno – Master’s in Public Health
BSDH: Loma Linda University – Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sacramento City College (2011)
Truckee Meadows Community College, 2008-2011
Dental Hygiene Program