

Dental Hygiene

Creating healthy smiles.

A dental hygienist is a licensed oral healthcare provider who focuses on preventing and treating oral diseases in order to promote optimal oral health and total wellness. This career path opens a world of professional opportunities including clinical, administrative, public health, government, education, research and international service.

WHY SLCC?

Students receive affordable and comprehensive higher education from faculty who hold a Bachelor's, Master's or Doctorate degree. Our small class size promotes individualized attention and peer collaboration. Licensed dental hygienists and dentists supervise the clinical experiences in an innovative on-site dental hygiene clinic.

Graduates earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree and are eligible to take national and regional boards required for licensure. Upon graduation, students may utilize the statewide transfer agreement to attend Utah's four-year colleges for completion of a Bachelor's degree.

THE CURRICULUM

The AAS Degree program is a 60-week program consisting of 4 semesters for the duration of 15 weeks per semester. The program requires full-time attendance, Monday through Friday (no classes are held in the summer). Students are under direct supervision of Registered Dental Hygienists and licensed Dentists during the clinical experience. Students are expected to participate in external clinical rotations and community service projects. Students who graduate will accrue a minimum of 88 credits.

The Salt Lake Community College/Division of Allied Health, Jordan Campus, Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

CODA is the specialized accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education to accredit programs that provide basic preparation for licensure or certification in dentistry and the related disciplines.



CODA contact information:
Commission on Dental Accreditation

211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611
Website: ada.org/coda



Visit the Dental Hygiene website
for more information at:
slcc.edu/dentalhygiene

CAREERS & SALARY

Statewide Median Average
Hourly Wage: **\$34.32**

jobs.utah.gov

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

Four semesters

53 Program Credits
35 Prerequisite Credits

88 Total Credits

PROGRAM COST

Approximately
\$25,000; including fees.
Regular Tuition
and Fees:

[slcc.edu/student/
financial/tuition-fees.aspx](http://slcc.edu/student/financial/tuition-fees.aspx)

MORE INFORMATION

Division of Allied Health
801-957-6216

Academic Advisor
801-957-6215

slcc.edu/dentalhygiene

**Disclaimer: Although every attempt is made to ensure information on this sheet is correct, information is subject to change. Please consult the website for the latest information.*

ADMISSION PROCESS

- All applicants **must be at least 18** years of age.
- Candidate must be admitted as an SLCC matriculated student.
- Student must be a high school graduate or equivalent.
- For transfer credit you must request official transcripts/documents to be sent directly from the college for all colleges where prerequisite coursework has been completed.
- Request an **official evaluation** of transcripts and submit to the SLCC Incoming Transcript Office, if applicable.
- Application information including prerequisites and transcripts can be found at: slcc.edu/hs/admissions

PREREQUISITES

Students taking prerequisite courses at SLCC must complete all courses considered for application by the end of the fall semester prior to the application deadline.

Students using transfer credits for prerequisite requirements must have transfer courses completed and transcripts submitted to the Transfer Evaluation Office not later than August 31st prior to the applicaiton opening of October 1st.

- BIOL 1610 College Biology Lecture (3)
- BIOL 1615 College Biology Lab (1)
- BIOL 2060/2065 Microbiology Lecture/Lab (4)
- BIOL 2320/2325 Human Anatomy Lecture/Lab (4)
- BIOL 2420/2425 Human Physiology Lecture/Lab (4)
- CHEM 1110 Elementary Chemistry Lecture (4)
- CHEM 1115 Elementary Chemistry Lab (1)
- ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing (EN) (3)
- MATH 1010 Integrated Algebra (QS) (4) or Math 1040 or Higher (QL) (3)
- COMM 1010 Elements of Effective Comm (CM) (3) or COMM 1020 Principles of Public Speaking (CM) (3) or COMM 2110 Interpersonal Communication (CM) (3)
- NUTR 1020 Foundations of Nutrition (3)
- SOC 1010 Intro to Sociology (SS) (3)
- PSY 1010 Intro to Psych (SS) (3), or PSY 1100 (SS) (3)

All BIOL and CHEM courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C+ or better and within the past 5 years. All other prerequisite courses listed must be completed with a minimum grade of C or better.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Admission into the Dental Hygiene program is selective. There is no waiting list.
- All students must maintain minimum grades in all required courses. Students with a GPA of a B or higher will graduate as Civically Engaged Scholars.
- One cohort of 24 students is admitted every fall semester.
- The curriculum and course requirements may be academically rigorous.
- There is no advanced placement.
- The nature of a dental hygiene practice requires prolonged sustained seated posture and repetitive arm and wrist movements.
- Accepted students must meet with the Dental Hygiene program advisor. Call 801-957-6215 to schedule an appointment.
- Acceptance or completion of the program does not guarantee licensure as a Dental Hygienist. Upon successful program completion, students are eligible to take required national and regional board exams.
- Students may come in contact with blood-borne pathogens and infectious diseases and all students in the Dental Hygiene program must follow proper OSHA and CDC procedures and practice standard precautions.
- Community Service Learning is an essential component of the Dental Hygiene program and all students are required to participate. Students have the privelege of serving as an AmeriCorps member.
- Once granted acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program, a non-refundable deposit of \$2,500 for instruments is required to hold the seat.
- Accepted students are required to attend mandatory program and college new student orientation days.
- Accepted students must complete program required immunizations and certifications before clinical placements.
- Students will be responsible for providing their own transportation to clinical sites.

SEMESTER I (FALL)	SEMESTER II (SPR)	SEMESTER III (FALL)	SEMESTER IV (SPR)
DH 1050 (2) Dental Radiology	DH 1140 (1) Dental Materials	DH 2050 (3) General & Oral Pathology	DH 2220 (3) Community Dental Health
DH 1060 (1) Dental Radiology Lab	DH 1150 (1) Dental Materials Lab	DH 2200 (3) DH Theory III	DH 2600 (3) DH Theory IV
DH 1100 (3) DH Theory I	DH 1400 (3) DH Theory II	DH 2210 (4) Clinical DH III	DH 2610 (5) Clinical DH IV
DH 1110 (2) Clinical DH I	DH 1410 (3) Clinical DH II	DH 2340 (2) Local Anesthesia	DH 2800 (2) Practice Management
DH 1330 (2) Head & Neck Anatomy	DH 1540 (3) Pharmacology	DH 2341 (1) Local Anesthesia Lab	
DH 1340 (1) Dental Anatomy	DH 1640 (2) Comp. Patient/Spcl Needs	DH 2450 (2) Periodontology	
DH 1350 (1) Dental Embryology/Histology			
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