

## About the Program

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.

**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 educational requirements to sit for licensure or certification testing.

This program requires a **minimum of 88 credit hours**. Total program hours may vary based on the student's individual academic degree plan. This program **is eligible** for financial aid.

## 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>.

## Program Requirements

**This is a Limited Access Program.** Students must follow the program application procedure and fulfill all requirements outlined in the college catalog. **Prerequisite courses** include:

- BSC 2085C - Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- CHM 1032C - Principles of General Chemistry
- MAC 1105 - College Algebra **or** MGF 1130 - Mathematical Thinking
- MCB 2010C - Microbiology

The **application deadline** is May 15 of each year with classes starting in the fall term.

## Important for You to Know

**This academic roadmap does not include** developmental education courses in reading, writing, and/or mathematics or other prerequisite courses that you may be required to take. In addition, it does not include program graduation requirements.

This program includes an **Algebra Through Calculus math pathway**. This pathway is intended for students whose academic program requires a foundation of algebra, followed by a sequence of courses that may lead to calculus.

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.

## Additional Information

- ⇒ **Program Information**, including advisor contact details: <https://www.fscj.edu/2300>.
- ⇒ **Associate in Science Degree Information**, including graduation requirements: <https://catalog.fscj.edu/academics/degree-certificates-programs/associate-in-science-degrees>.
- ⇒ **\*Program Requirements:** <https://catalog.fscj.edu/programs/2300>.
- ⇒ **Math Pathways Information:** <https://catalog.fscj.edu/academics/math-pathways>.

## Sample Roadmap

This sample roadmap shows one possible pathway to program completion and may not be appropriate for all students.

Prior to enrolling in classes, please **meet with an advisor** for specific guidance about your individual academic degree plan. Some courses are offered only once per year; advising is critical for course progression.

**\*See the program requirements for general education course options.**

### Term 1

Course	Credits
DES 1000 - Oral and Dental Anatomy	1
DES 1000L - Oral and Dental Anatomy Laboratory	1
DES 1030 - Oral Histology and Embryology	1
DES 1010 - Head and Neck Anatomy	1
DEH 1001C - Introduction to Clinical Procedures	4
DEH 1003C - Dental Hygiene Instrumentation	3
DEH 1720 - Preventive Dentistry	2
General Education Communication core course	3

### Term 2

Course	Credits
DES 1600 - Dental Office Emergencies	1
DES 1600L - Dental Office Emergencies Laboratory	1
DEH 1800 - Clinical Dental Hygiene I	2
DEH 1800L - Clinical Dental Hygiene I Laboratory	3
DES 1200 - Dental Radiology	3
DES 1200L - Dental Radiology Laboratory	1
DEH 2400 - General and Oral Pathology	2
BSC 2086C - Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4

### Term 3

Course	Credits
DEH 1802 - Clinical Dental Hygiene II	1
DEH 1802L - Clinical Dental Hygiene II Laboratory	4
DEH 2602 - Periodontics	3
DEH 2530 - Dental Hygienists Expanded Functions	1
DEH 2530L - Dental Hygienists Expanded Functions Laboratory	1
DES 1100 - Dental Materials	1
DES 1101L - Dental Materials Laboratory	1
Civic Literacy course	3

### Term 4

Course	Credits
DEH 2804 - Clinical Dental Hygiene III	1
DEH 2804L - Clinical Dental Hygiene III Laboratory	4
DEH 2701 - Community Oral Health	2
DEH 2300 - Pharmacology and Oral Medicine	2
DEH 2821 - Medically Compromised Patient	1
INP 1390 - Human Relations in Business and Industry	3

### Term 5

Course	Credits
DEH 2930 - Clinical Seminar	1
DEH 2806L - Clinical Dental Hygiene IV Laboratory	4
DES 2710 - General and Oral Nutrition	2
DEH 2701L - Community Oral Health Practicum	1
DEH 2811 - Dental Ethics and Jurisprudence	1
General Education Humanities Core course	3