

Associate in Science (AS) 2300

Dental Hygiene Program



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Florida State College at Jacksonville Dental Hygiene Program

The Dental Hygiene Program provides the student with the specialized knowledge and skills required for a career in dental hygiene. The curriculum includes courses in general education, biomedical science, dental science and clinical skills. The graduate will be able to practice the profession of dental hygiene upon successful completion of the National Board and State licensure examinations. The Dental Hygiene program at Florida State College at Jacksonville is fully accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.

Dental hygiene is a limited-access program; therefore, admission is competitive. One class is admitted annually to the Dental Hygiene Program each Fall Term.

Individual advisement and tours of the department will be provided upon scheduling an appointment with the Instructional Program Manager.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program, a completed application must be on file by **June 15th**.

Application Check List

✓	Requirement
	Apply for admission to Florida State College at Jacksonville, be currently enrolled at Florida State College at Jacksonville or be a former Florida State College at Jacksonville student.
	Apply for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program using the "Dental Hygiene Application 2011" form (available at www.FloridaStateCollegeDental.com).
	Take the Health Occupations Test and submit the printed profile chart of your test scores to the Dental Hygiene Department prior to the application deadline of June 15 th ; see pg. 4
	Submit official college transcript of all college courses taken at other institutions. Note: <i>An "official" transcript is one that is mailed directly from the school to Florida State College or submitted by the applicant in a sealed envelope. If the seal is broken the transcript is considered "unofficial".</i>
	Complete the following pre-requisites <u>prior</u> to the application deadline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSC 2085C Human Anatomy and Physiology I • CHM 1032C Principles of General Chemistry • MCB 2010C Microbiology • MAC 1105 College Algebra OR MGF 1106 Topics in College Mathematics
	A minimum 2.0 (C) college grade point average is required to be considered for admission.

Recommendations

Students are encouraged, but not required, to complete all general education courses listed on page 9 & 10 prior to entering the Dental Hygiene Program.

Deadline for application to Dental Hygiene is June 15th.

Please mail all correspondence, application and transcripts to the following address:

Florida State College at Jacksonville
 Dental Programs
 4501 Capper Road
 Jacksonville, FL 32218

Health Occupation Test Information

The Health Occupations Test (HOT) is the required entrance exam for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program. The fee is \$45.00 and the applicant must be a student at Florida State College at Jacksonville in order to take the test.

The Health Occupations Test is three (3) hours in length and is offered at four locations: Kent, North, South and Downtown campuses. Phone the preferred campus for testing dates and times. Information regarding testing sites and dates is also found on the Florida State College at Jacksonville website at ...

<http://www.fscj.edu/mydegree/assessment-certification/centers-hours.php>

Information about the HOT test is available here...

<http://www.fscj.edu/mydegree/assessment-certification/hot.php>

Testing information is updated weekly on this website. Pre-registration is required.

To take the examination, the applicant must first pay the fee at the Business Office on any campus. The applicant must then pre-register to take the exam by calling the Certification and Assessment Department at the preferred testing campus with the receipt number for proof of payment of the testing fee. The phone number for North Campus testing is (904) 766-6708.

Applicants for admission are permitted a maximum of two attempts at the HOT within a one-year period with three months between attempts.

Four weeks are required for scores to be reported for the "pencil and paper" test format. This means that applicants to the Dental Hygiene Program must complete the test a minimum of four weeks prior to the deadline date: June 15th. Students are strongly urged to take the computerized version of the test, which provides immediate scoring upon completion. For more information on how to prepare for the examination, phone the Testing and Assessment Department on North Campus at (904) 766-6708.

Note - Alternatives to the HOT test are being explored for use with the class beginning in the Fall, 2013. No final decision has been made at this time.

Process for Selection of Qualified Applicants

Admission to the Dental Hygiene Program is on a competitive basis. Students who have submitted complete applications by the deadline of June 15th for the class of the year in which they seek admission, will be ranked based on the system outlined on the following pages of this brochure. The ranking system includes two categories as follows:

Category I	Health Occupations Test Scores
Category II	Quality Points

Top ranking students who have completed all four of the prerequisite courses with a “C” grade or higher and who score above the 25th percentile on the HOT in Reading Comprehension, Natural Sciences and Academic Aptitude are considered first for admission.

Students will be notified by mail of their acceptance two to four weeks following the deadline date.

After admission to the program, and prior to contact with patients, students will be asked to provide evidence of good health, proof of childhood immunizations, Hepatitis B immunization, and evidence of a completed course in basic life support for the health care worker (CPR).

Category I

Health Occupation Test Scores

Maximum Points = 99

The average percentile score achieved in three of the five sections of the Health Occupations Test (HOT) is used to determine the rank of the student. The scored sections are:

- Academic Aptitude (verbal, arithmetic, non-verbal)
- Reading Comprehension
- Natural Sciences

Students who score above the twenty-fifth percentile in each scored section are given first preference in the selection process prior to considering students who score less than the twenty-fifth percentile. In general, a percentile rank of less than 25 suggests a weakness in that particular area.

Note: Percentile scores in Spelling and Vocational Adjustment sections **are not** used to rank students; however, they may be considered by the admissions team when evaluating applicants that are similarly ranked.

To calculate the average percentile score, add the percentile scores for the Academic Aptitude, Reading Comprehension and Natural Sciences sections. By dividing the sum of the three sections by three, you will arrive at the average percentile score.

Sample Score Calculation

58 %	Academic Aptitude Total (Verbal, Arithmetic, Non-verbal)
73 %	Reading Comprehension
<u>80 %</u>	Natural Sciences
211 %	divided by 3 = 70.3

Category II

Quality Points Maximum Points = 100

The following scale is used to award points based on grades earned in the four prerequisite courses required for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program. A minimum grade of "C" in all four prerequisite courses is required to be considered for admission.

Course Grade	Points
A	5
B	4
C	3

The points assigned to each course grade are multiplied by the number of credit hours for each of the designated courses as shown in the sample calculation. Possible total points = 75

Sample Calculation

Course	Grade	Points	Credits	Total
BSC2085C	A	5	4	20
CHM1032C	B	4	4	16
MCB2010C	C	3	4	12
MAC1105*	A	5	3	15
			Total	63

* MGF1106 can be substituted for MAC1105

To this total, additional points will be added for highest degree earned and dental experience.

Highest Degree Earned	Points
Associate**	5
Baccalaureate	10
Masters or PhD	15

Dental Workplace Experience

Five (5) points will be added to the Category II points if the applicant has worked for two or more years of full-time employment in a dental office. A signed letter by your dentist/ employer must accompany your application for points to be awarded.

In addition, five (5) additional points will be added for students that have graduated from the FCCT or any other CODA-accredited dental assisting program. A copy of the Dental Assisting Diploma must be submitted with the application as verification of completion of a Dental Assisting Program. State certification in Expanded Duties and/or Radiology alone **is not** considered sufficient to meet this requirement.

** Other than in Dental Assisting

Applicant Scoring Worksheet

Use this worksheet to determine your earned points toward admission to the Florida State College Dental Hygiene Program.

Category I points

HOT Test Section	Score
Academic Aptitude	
Reading Comprehension	
Natural Sciences	+
Total	
Divide Total by 3	

Add the scores from the HOT sections listed and divide by 3 to get the average. This average is your **Category I points**.

Note: Any HOT score below 26 significantly reduces your chances for admission.

Category II points

Place your grade for the courses listed in the first column into the adjacent space in the second column. Use the chart on the right to determine the points earned for each grade and place this in the third column. Multiply the points earned by the credits earned for each course to get the course total. Add the course totals to get the "base" Category II points.

Course Grade	Points
A	5
B	4
C	3

Use the previous page to determine what additional points you qualify for and add them to the chart in the appropriate row. The final total is your **Category II points**.

Course	Grade	Points	Credits	Course Total
BSC2085C			4	
CHM1032C			4	
MCB2010C			4	
MAC1105			3	+
			Total	
Add points for highest degree earned				
Add points for dental experience				+
Total Category II points				

Your final score is determined by adding your Category I points to your Category II points.

Category	Points
Category I points	
Category II points	+
Total points	

Course Sequence

<u>Prerequisites</u>		<u>Credit Hours</u>
BSC 2085C	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
CHM 1032C	Principles of General Chemistry	4
MCB 2010C	Microbiology	4
MAC 1105	College Algebra OR	
MGF1106	Topics in College Mathematics	<u>3</u>
		15

Dental Hygiene Curriculum

<u>First Year</u>	<u>Term I</u>	
DES 1000	Oral and Dental Anatomy Lecture	1
DES 1000L	Oral and Dental Anatomy Lab	1
DES 1030	Oral Histology and Embryology	1
DES 1010	Head and Neck Anatomy	1
DES 1600	Dental Office Emergencies Lecture	1
DES 1600L	Dental Office Emergencies Lab	1
DEH 1001C	Introduction to Clinical Procedures	4
DEH 1003C	Instrumentation	3
DEH 1720	Preventive Dentistry	2
ENC 1101	English Composition I	<u>3</u>
		18

	<u>Term II</u>	
DEH 1800	Clinical Dental Hygiene I Lecture	2
DEH 1800L	Clinical Dental Hygiene I Lab	3
DES 1200	Dental Radiology Lecture	3
DES 1200L	Dental Radiology Lab	1
DEH 2400	General and Oral Pathology	3
DEH 2602	Periodontics	3
BSC 2086C	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	<u>4</u>
		19

	<u>Term III</u>	
DEH 1802	Clinical Dental Hygiene II Lecture	1
DEH 1802L	Clinical Dental Hygiene II Lab	4
DEH 2530	DH Expanded Duties Lecture	1
DEH 2530L	DH Expanded Duties Lab	1
DES 1100	Dental Materials Lecture	1
DES 1101L	Dental Materials Lab	1
INP 1390	Human Relations in Business	<u>3</u>
		12

<u>Second Year</u>	<u>Term IV</u>	
DEH 2804	Clinical Dental Hygiene III Lecture	1
DEH 2804L	Clinical Dental Hygiene III Lab	4
DEH 2701	Community Oral Health	3
DEH 2300	Pharmacology and Oral Medicine	3
DEH 2821	Medically Compromised Patient	<u>1</u>
		12
	<u>Term V</u>	
DEH 2930	Clinical Seminar	1
DEH 2806L	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV Lab	4
DES 2710	General and Oral Nutrition	2
DEH 2701L	Community Oral Health Practicum	1
DEH 2811	Ethics and Jurisprudence	1
HUMANITIES	See General Education Requirements	<u>3</u>
		12
	Total Credit Hours	88

Course sequencing is subject to change.

Approximate Program Cost

First Year

	In-State Student
Prerequisites	\$1,492.00
Textbooks	400.00
	\$ 1,892.00

\$99.47 per credit hours
plus lab fees and
insurance*

Term 1

Registration	\$1,790.00
Textbooks	600.00
Instruments, Student Kits	2,300.00
Uniforms/Lab Coat	250.00
Shoes	90.00
Background check	100.00
Subtotal	\$5,130.00

Term 2

Registration	\$1,889.00
Textbooks	300.00
Subtotal	\$2,189.00

Term 3

Registration	\$1,193.00
Textbooks	250.00
Instruments	400.00
Subtotal	\$1,843.00

Second Year

Term 4

Registration	\$1,193.00
Textbooks	250.00
Subtotal	\$1,443.00

Term 5

Registration	\$1,193.00
Textbooks	250.00
Instrument Replacement	140.00
Subtotal	\$1,583.00

Approximate Total Cost \$14,080.00

For additional one-time fees, see page 12.

*Non-Florida Residents: Approximately: \$382.13 per credit hour

Note: Tuition and fees are rounded to the nearest dollar and are subject to change.

Additional Fees

A written National Dental Hygiene Board Examination is held in March and July of the sophomore year of the Dental Hygiene Program. The fee is approximately \$265.00 for the examination and it is conducted at testing sites throughout the state.

Upon completion of the program, each student must fulfill the licensing requirements of the state in which the student wishes to practice. The Florida State Board Application, Licensure and Examination fees are \$800 and both are given in June and December in Gainesville, Florida.

*The fees listed above are current, but are subject to change.

Transfer Students from Other Dental Hygiene Programs

Due to the sequential nature of the Dental Hygiene Program and the pronounced differences that exist between programs at other colleges, Florida State College discourages students from seeking to transfer to our program after having started their dental hygiene studies elsewhere.

Students Requesting Readmission

No guarantee of readmission is offered to students who withdraw from the program for academic or personal reasons. Students requesting readmission after withdrawal from the Dental Hygiene Program will be considered on an individual basis by the Admission Committee. Students that are granted readmission will do so only after signing a contract describing the Program's behavioral and academic expectations for the readmitted student and the consequences of noncompliance.

Reapplication Process

In the event you are not selected for entrance to the Dental Hygiene Program, the procedure for reapplying follows:

1. Please call (904) 766-6571 and ask that your application be reactivated prior to the deadline.
2. Applicants that wish to be reconsidered for upcoming classes are responsible for meeting any new criteria for that class as they are announced.
3. Please supply up-to-date changes if they have occurred. (Example: additional courses taken, new HOT scores)

Record of Conviction of a Crime

The Florida State Board of Dentistry, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Florida Division of Medical Quality Assurance, will determine a dental hygiene student's eligibility for licensure when there is an arrest/conviction record. Students are strongly encouraged to disclose any arrest/conviction record at the time of acceptance into the program.

Criminal Background Check

Background checks will be administered to all incoming freshman students. This requirement has been introduced to satisfy the demands of our rotation sites to provide students who have been screened for criminal history and drug use. Due to the importance of the clinical rotations, students who fail to pass these tests and are barred from any rotation site will not be admitted to the program. Cases will be handled on an individual basis with the bottom line requirement that all students admitted to the program must be able to gain admission to every rotation site as a condition of admittance.

Infectious Disease Policy

In the performance of assigned treatments and/ or procedures, students enrolled in the Dental Hygiene Program at Florida State College may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens that may progress to an infectious disease. Students seeking admission to the dental programs may, through previous exposure, be infected with an infectious disease. To protect the health and safety of students, as well as faculty, staff, and patients, the Florida State College Dental Hygiene Program has established an Infectious Disease Policy that describes the proper techniques and procedures necessary to minimize these risks. Instruction in infection control and prevention is a significant part of our dental hygiene curriculum. Applicants interested in obtaining a copy of the program's Infectious Disease Policy can do so by calling (904) 766-6571.

Thank you for your interest in the Dental Hygiene Program at Florida State College at Jacksonville. We would like to assist in any way we can to enable you to achieve your educational goals.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office at (904) 766-6571 if you have any questions.

Addendum:

Effective July 1, 2009, pursuant to Section 456.0635 , Florida Statutes, health care review boards shall refuse to renew a license, certificate or registration, issue a license, certificate or registration and shall refuse to admit a candidate for examination if the applicant has been convicted or plead guilty or nolo contendere, regardless of adjudication, to a felony violation of: chapters 409 , 817 , or 893 , Florida Statutes; or 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970 or 42 U.S.C. ss 1395-1396 , unless the sentence and any probation or pleas ended more than 15 years prior to the application, terminated for cause from Florida Medicaid Program (unless the applicant has been in good standing for the most recent 5 years) or terminated for cause by any other State Medicaid Program or the Medicare Program (unless the termination was at least 20 years prior to the date of the application and the applicant has been in good standing with the program for the most recent 5 years). The Florida nursing or allied health licensure or certification application requires disclosure of any criminal history and the disposition of all cases prior to board review. Being convicted of, or having entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any of the listed felonies in Florida Statute 456.0635 or termination for cause from the statutorily-described Medicaid programs will preclude an applicant from obtaining a nursing or allied health license or certification in the state of Florida. Entry and acceptance into the nursing program does not guarantee licensure or certification in the State of Florida.

Upon completion of coursework, Florida State College at Jacksonville does not guarantee employment or salary. Any jobs or salaries mentioned are given as examples of potential employment not a representation of a guaranteed income.