Applications are accepted ONLINE ONLY, beginning December 1, 2019.

Guidelines for Admission
Application period: Dec 1, 2019 to Feb 15, 2020

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NATURE OF THE OCCUPATION

Dental Hygienist

Dental hygienists are licensed oral health professionals who focus on preventing and treating oral diseases, both to protect teeth and gums, and also to protect overall health. They are graduates of accredited dental hygiene education programs in colleges and universities, and must take written and clinical exams before they are allowed to practice. In addition to treating patients directly, dental hygienists also work as educators, researchers and administrators. Dental hygienists are considered an integral part of the dental team providing education and preventive services to ensure delivery of long-term oral health.

Curriculum

The TJC AAS Dental Hygiene curriculum leads to an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Dental Hygiene and begins in the summer long session of each year. Enrollment is limited to accepted applicants. The application process is outlined in this document. The AAS dental hygiene curriculum at TJC holds full accreditation from the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Whether the individual’s interest is working in a general or specialized dental office, dental clinic, public health, schools or research, the program provides the student with the basics for furthering his or her professional and educational needs.

Education and Training

The dental hygiene facility is part of the Robert M. Rogers Nursing & Health Sciences Center, which opened in 2015. The state of the art facilities, highly trained faculty, small class sizes and community health offerings go above and beyond the best learning experience.

If you have a passion for the dental profession and are interested in serving the oral health needs of patients in your community, we can help you put those aspirations to work.
Employment Outlook

Salaries, benefits and job opportunities for licensed dental hygienists vary according to experience and geographic location. In 2017, the full-time annual, median salary in Texas was $74,070, and job openings were projected to increase 20 percent by the year 2026, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Individuals who are involved in the provision of dental services may be exposed to blood borne pathogens that may result in human disease.*
QUALITIES AND SKILLS NECESSARY TO BE A SUCCESSFUL DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENT

In addition to the academic admission requirements for students entering the Dental Hygiene Program, the following qualities and skills are also expected of all students with or without accommodations:

Students must have...

- Problem solving skills to obtain, interpret and document information. Students must demonstrate intellectual, conceptual and critical thinking skills in order to assess, analyze, reason and synthesize data for the purpose of making sound conclusions and clinical decisions.
- Effective oral and written communication skills in order to accurately transmit information to patients, colleagues, and other healthcare workers.
- Strong English reading, writing and speaking skills.
- Gross and fine motor skills sufficient to lift and operate equipment and to provide safe and effective dental hygiene care.
- Interpersonal skills for the interacting with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, economic and ethnic backgrounds.
- Physical mobility necessary to move from place to place in small spaces.
- Full range of motion; manual and finger dexterity.
- Physical endurance that enables them to stay on task for a prolonged period while sitting, standing, or moving.
- Visual and perceptual abilities sufficient for observation of patients, oral conditions and assessment. Students must have the ability to discriminate between subtle changes in oral conditions, clinically and radiographically.
- High degree of hand-eye coordination.
- Auditory ability and other sensory skill sufficient to monitor and assess the health needs and determine the oral conditions of patients, as well as maintain patient safety.
- Tactile sensitivity sufficient for the use of detection, light pressure and control when using small instruments in the oral cavity.
Students must...

- Demonstrate professional attitudes and behaviors.
- Be able to use reasonable judgment under stressful conditions that impact patient care.
- Be able to work independently as a member of a team to maintain the highest standards in relation to quality care.
- Be able to present a professional appearance, maintain personal health and be emotionally stable.
- Be able to demonstrate effective time management and patient management.
- Be able to multitask, prioritize, comprehend and follow instructions, and comply with a variety of clinical and professional rules and regulations related to safe clinical practice.

*Students must be able to fulfill these essential functions of the job without endangering patients or other healthcare workers. Students with disabilities may be eligible for accommodations. Prior to the start of the program, students may contact the ADA Student Coordinator in Support Services in Rogers Student Center or call 903.510.2395 for an appointment.*
PROGRAM COSTS

College Tuition and Fees

Check out the TJC website for a tuition and fees calculator
https://www.tjc.edu/info/20019/tuition_and_cost/157/tuition_and_fee_breakdown

Additional Supply and Equipment Costs

Each semester, decisions are made to determine the number and type of supplies necessary for student success. Hence, the cost varies from one semester to the next. In an attempt to prepare students for the costs that can be expected, an estimated cost list will be provided at the 1st Student Orientation. Currently the costs of the program supplies and equipment are roughly estimated at $4000 each year, totaling approximately $8000. These supply and equipment costs include the cost of scrubs, central supplies, individual supplies, individual instruments and equipment, and the cost of licensure exams, BUT DO NOT include the cost of tuition and college fees, textbooks (class resources), room, board, or any living expenses.
DENTAL STUDIES

Dental Hygiene AAS
Associate of Applied Science
TSI Complete

MAJOR COURSES 37 CREDITS

DHYG 1201 Orofacial Anatomy, Histology & Embryology
DHYG 1207 General and Dental Nutrition
DHYG 1304 Dental Radiology
DHYG 1431 Preclinical Dental Hygiene
DHYG 1103 Preventive Dental Hygiene I
DHYG 1215 Community Dentistry
DHYG 2201 Dental Hygiene Care I
DHYG 1260 Clinical - Dental Hygienist
DHYG 2133 Preventive Dental Hygiene II
DHYG 1211 Periodontology
DHYG 1235 Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist
DHYG 2231 Dental Hygiene Care II
DHYG 2360 Clinical - Dental Hygienist
DHYG 1219 Dental Materials
DHYG 2153 Dental Hygiene Practice
DHYG 2362 Clinical - Dental Hygienist

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS 31 CREDITS

Every Associate of Applied Science degree plan must contain at least 15 semester hours of general education courses. At least one course must be taken from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts (language, philosophy & culture/creative arts), social/behavioral science (social and behavioral sciences/American history/government/political science), and natural science/mathematics (life and physical sciences/mathematics).

Major Courses: 37
General Education Requirements: 31
Total Semester Hours: 68

Course Sequence:

PREREQUISITES CREDIT HOURS

CHEM 1406 Fundamentals of Chemistry OR .............. 4
CHEM 1405
BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I ....................... 4
BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II ....................... 4
BIOL 2420 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors .......... 4

SUMMER I

DHYG 1201 Orofacial Anatomy, Histology and Embryology ........................................... 2

FIRST SEMESTER

DHYG 1304 Dental Radiology .................................................. 3
DHYG 1207 General and Dental Nutrition ......................... 2
DHYG 1431 Preclinical Dental Hygiene ................................. 4
DHYG 1103 Preventive Dental Hygiene I ............................... 1
ENGL 1301 Composition I .................................................. 3

SECOND SEMESTER

DHYG 1215 Community Dentistry ........................................ 2
DHYG 2201 Dental Hygiene Care I .......................................... 2
DHYG 1260 Clinical – Dental Hygienist ............................... 2
DHYG 2133 Preventive Dental Hygiene II ............................ 1
SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology ................................. 3
DHYG 1339 General and Oral Pathology ............................ 3

THIRD SEMESTER

DHYG 1211 Periodontology ..................................................... 2
DHYG 1235 Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist .......... 2
DHYG 2231 Dental Hygiene Care II ...................................... 2
DHYG 2360 Clinical – Dental Hygienist ............................... 3
xxxx x3xx Lang., Philosophy and Culture Core OR .... 3
Creative Arts Core

FOURTH SEMESTER

DHYG 1219 Dental Materials ................................................... 2
DHYG 2153 Dental Hygiene Practice .................................... 1
DHYG 2362 Clinical – Dental Hygienist ............................... 3
PSYC 2301 General Psychology OR ................................. 3
PSYC 2314
SPCH 1315 Public Speaking OR ......................................... 3
SPCH 1321

Total Semester Hours: 68

Courses titled in bold type represent general education requirements.

Non-dental hygiene courses may be taken prior to placement in the dental hygiene program.

Special admission and retention rules apply. Department-specific courses must be taken in sequence and may have a prerequisite course.

Prerequisites:

- The prerequisite science courses must be completed with a “C” or better within five years prior to enrollment in the program.
- All four of the prerequisite science courses must be completed with a “C” or better prior to submitting application.
- Admission to this program depends on a point system that is heavily based on grades earned in prerequisite science and general education courses.

All required major courses of the associate degree curriculum must be completed with a “C” or better. Having not received a “C” or better in any required DHYG course, the student may not progress until the deficiency has been removed.

Graduates who successfully pass the Dental Hygiene National Board examination and regional and/or state licensing exams are eligible to apply for licensure in states where they plan to practice.
ADMISSION PROCESS – NOW FULLY ONLINE

Minimum Requirements

- 4 pre-requisites science courses completed with a C or better
- Completion of HESI A2 Exam with a minimum score of 75% in reading and math
- Cumulative 2.5 GPA (minimum)
- Observe a dental hygienist for a minimum of 12 hours

Summary of Steps to Apply – Applications accepted online ONLY

- Complete Pre-Requisite Courses
- Apply for general admission to TJC
- Submit official college transcripts to registrar’s office (if necessary)
- Request evaluation of transcripts (if necessary)
- Download Pre-Admission Observation hours and take to dental offices for completion. (form available online)
- Take HESI exam
- Download and complete AAS Worksheet (points calculation)
- Download and complete Dental Hygiene Associate Degree Program Application (form available online)
- Download and complete the Verification of Good Standing From (available online) ONLY if you were previously enrolled in a Nursing and/or Health Science program that you did NOT complete.
- Review and submit required forms through the online submission process.
DETAILED STEPS TO APPLY – NOW FULLY ONLINE

Complete Pre-Requisite Courses

Grades in your prerequisite courses are very important. Striving toward high grades is highly recommended for competitive applicants.

Science Prerequisite Courses

Complete all of the following science prerequisites with a grade of “C” or higher:

(Only courses that transfer to TJC as listed):

- BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I;
- BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II;
- BIOL 2420 Microbiology;
- CHEM 1406 Introductory Chemistry - Allied Health Emphasis OR CHEM 1405 Introductory Chemistry I.

All science courses must have been taken within 5 years prior to admission. For the application period Dec 2019-Feb 2020, this means only sciences completed in or after the year 2015 will be considered.

If BIOL 2401 and/or BIOL 2402 were taken more than 5 years ago, you can take a refresher course called SCIT 6003, for those two specific sciences only. Your original course grade in BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 will be used for calculating points; taking SCIT 6003 only renews the time limit on the grades, it does not replace the grades.

Courses “in progress” are not considered. Only courses with a passing grade will be used to calculate admission points.

Reminder: All four science pre-requisites listed above must be completed before applying.
**Degree Required Courses**

- ENGL 1301 Composition I
- PSYC 2301 General Psychology OR PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development
- SOCI 1301 Introductory Sociology
- SPCH 1315 Public Speaking OR SPCH 1321 Business & Professional Communication
- Any Creative Arts course (ARTS 1301, DANC 2303, DRAM 1310, MUSI 1306, 1310)
  OR Language, Philosophy & Culture course (ENGL 2332, 2333; HIST 2311, 2312; HUMA 1301; PHIL 1301, 1304, 2306)

The above courses are not required prior to applying. HOWEVER, they carry a points value for the admission process, and you are encouraged to take these prior to applying to the program. Also, these must be completed to receive your degree.

All non-dental hygiene (non DHYG prefix) required courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher.

**Bonus Courses (Optional)**

- HPRS 1201 Intro to Health Professions
- HITT 1305 Medical Terminology

The above bonus courses are not required, but are helpful to build your points.

Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher (or hold a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college).

**Apply for General Admission to TJC**

In order to apply to the AAS Dental Hygiene Program, you must have been admitted as a TJC student. Your application to TJC can be completed and submitted online at [https://www.tjc.edu/future](https://www.tjc.edu/future). Before you apply to the AAS Dental Hygiene Program, you must meet the following criteria:

- accepted as a TJC student and have an A Number (student ID).
- at least 18 years of age on the date you submit the application.
Submit Official College Transcripts to Registrar’s Office

If TJC is the ONLY college you have attended, this step does not need to be completed.

If you have been enrolled in any other college, you will need to submit official transcripts to the TJC registrar’s office from every college you have attended.

If you have previously submitted a transcript and no additional course work was completed at that college since your submission, you do not need to resubmit.

If you previously submitted a transcript and have completed additional coursework you will need to submit an updated transcript to the registrar’s office.

Only courses posted on your transcript will be considered. Courses that are “in progress” at the time of the submission will not count toward your points.

Complete a Transcript Evaluation Request

If TJC is the ONLY college you have attended, this step does not need to be completed.

If you have submitted official transcripts to the TJC registrar’s office, from another college or submitted an updated transcript from another college you need to complete the evaluation request form. [https://www.tjc.edu/info/20006/academics/26/transcripts/2](https://www.tjc.edu/info/20006/academics/26/transcripts/2). Please allow up to 6 weeks for the registrar’s office to evaluate and post transcripts to Degree Works.
Download the Pre-Admission Observation Form

Download the Pre-Admission Observation Form and take it with you to the dental office where you observe. Ensure that you obtain the signature, RDH license number and number of hours observed from the hygienist. You must observe a dental hygienist for a total of 12 hours. Hours can be completed in either 2 or 3 different dental offices. Each office observation must be a minimum of 4 hours or it will not be counted toward your requirement. Time spent observing a dentist or dental assistant will not count toward your requirement.

You are not required to observe all of the different procedures listed on the form, if those procedures are not scheduled during the day of your observation. Just observe as many as you can.

Observation hours are valid for 2 application periods. Only observation hours completed on or after Feb 16, 2018 will be accepted for the application period beginning December 2019 and ending February 2020. If you submitted pre admission observation hours during the previous application period, please complete the Previously Submitted Observation Hours Form available on the downloads section of the website and include it with your documentation when submitting your forms online.

Take the HESI Exam (Online Scheduling – new this year)

- Applicants taking the HESI A2 Exam at TJC must schedule an appointment with the TJC Testing Center prior to arrival. You should request a testing appointment online at tjctesting.setmore.com.
- NO voucher is required to take the HESI A2 exam. However, the applicant must have a TJC ID number (A-Number).
All applicants are required to take the HESI A2 Entrance Exam. In order to take the HESI exam at TJC, you will visit the scheduling website (tjctesting.setmore.com) to set an appointment. HESI exams are only available to applicants that have a TJC student ID number. All of the required seven sections of the HESI A2 Exam must be completed (only one retest allowed per application year). **It is the responsibility of the applicant to request the HESI A2 exam upon arrival at the testing center.** Test scores are good for two application periods which means a HESI test dated February 16, 2018 or later will be accepted for the application period beginning Dec 1, 2019 and ending Feb 15, 2020.

**The following sections of the HESI test need to be completed:**

- Math (minimum score of 75% required)
- Reading (minimum score of 75% required)
- Vocabulary and General Knowledge
- Chemistry
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Learning Styles (not included in points)
- Personality Profile (not included in points)

The HESI exam is offered for dental hygiene applicants, by appointment only, anytime during the year. Please check with the [TJC Testing Center](#) for available hours.

HESI A2 exam scores from other testing centers/colleges will be accepted if you are completing the HESI A2 exam at another campus, please make sure to complete all of the above sections and follow testing protocol for that particular location.

**New Points System! Download and Complete the New AAS Dental Hygiene Worksheet**

Acceptance into the AAS Dental Hygiene Program is based on a combined points system of preliminary points and interview/writing skills points. Applicants will be invited for an
interview/writing sample appointment if the total preliminary points rank them in the top 60 according to score.

Preliminary points are calculated based on the following criteria:

- **Pre-requisite science courses (Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, Microbiology, Chemistry)** have the following points value:
  - A=11 points
  - B=8 points
  - C=5 points
  - D/F=0 points

  One additional point will be given for each science course competed at TJC. If a science is repeated (within the 5-year time frame) for a higher grade, one point will be deducted for retaking the course. If an equal or lesser grade is earned, there will be no point deduction for retaking.

- **General education courses** have the following points value (English, Psychology, Sociology, Speech, and Creative Arts or Language/Philosophy/Culture):
  - A or B = 2 points
  - C = 1 point
  - D/F = 0 points

  There is no point deduction for retaking a general education course.

- **Bonus courses (Medical Terminology, Introduction to Health Professions)** have the following points value:
  - A or B = 1 point
  - C/D/F = 0 points

  There is no point deduction for retaking a bonus course.

- **HESI Entrance Exam** has the following points value:
  - Composite score X 0.30 = total HESI points

- Residency within the Tyler Junior College District is worth 1 point (based on information collected by the TJC Registrar’s office).
• Applicants applying for a second or third consecutive year will receive 2 bonus points.
• Applicants currently holding an associate degree or higher will receive 1 bonus point.
• Certified Dental Assistant points value:
  • Current enrollment in the spring semester of the TJC Certified Dental Assisting Program (accredited program only) = 3 points
  • Current CDA License* (copy of license must be submitted with application) = 6 points

*Note: No points will be awarded for an RDA license. You must have obtained a Certified Dental Assisting License in order to receive the points. This license is issued upon successful completion of all sections of the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) exam. This is not the same as a state certification, it is a national certification. Please visit https://www.danb.org/ for details about the CDA license.

Complete Dental Hygiene Associate Degree Program Application

The Dental Hygiene Associate Degree Program Application is available on the dental hygiene webpage. You will need to download, and complete the application and save it as a PDF file.

Review and Submit Application Packet - Online ONLY

If you have ONLY attended TJC, make sure you have completed/uploaded the following:

✓ I have applied to TJC and received my student ID number.
✓ I have completed the required pre-requisite courses
✓ I have completed observation hours (Pre-admission Observation Form), scanned and saved as a PDF file.
✓ I have taken the HESI exam, scanned or downloaded my scores and saved as a PDF file.
✓ I have completed the AAS Dental Hygiene Worksheet (points calculation form) available on the website and saved as a PDF file.
✓ I have completed the Dental Hygiene Associate Degree Program Application, and saved as a PDF file.
✓ I have completed the Verification of Good Standing Form (ONLY if previously enrolled in a Nursing and/or Health Science program that was NOT completed).
✓ I have visited the TJC AAS Dental Hygiene website and clicked on the Application Submission Form where I answered the questions and uploaded all required documents online.
If you have attended TJC AND/OR any other college, make sure you have completed/submitted the following:

✓ I have completed the required pre-requisite courses.
✓ I have applied to TJC and received my student ID number.
✓ I have submitted official college transcripts to the register’s office (only applies to applicants who have attended colleges OTHER than TJC).
✓ I have completed the transcript evaluation.
✓ I have completed observation hours (*Pre-admission Observation Form*), scanned and saved as a PDF file.
✓ I have taken the HESI exam, scanned or downloaded (from my personal Evolve account) my scores and saved as a PDF file.
✓ I have completed the *AAS Dental Hygiene Worksheet* (points calculation form) available on the website and saved as a PDF file.
✓ I have completed the *Dental Hygiene Associate Degree Program Application*, and saved as a PDF file.
✓ I have completed the *Verification of Good Standing Form* (ONLY if previously enrolled in a Nursing and/or Health Science program that was NOT completed).
✓ I have visited the TJC AAS Dental Hygiene website and clicked on the *Application Submission Form* where I answered the questions and uploaded all required documents online.
IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Healthcare Students must have all the following vaccinations before they may engage in course activities which will involve direct patient contact with potential exposure to blood or bodily fluids in educational, medical, or dental care facilities.

- **Tetanus-Diphtheria Vaccine**
  Students must show receipt of one dose of tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis vaccine (Tdap). In addition, one dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine must have been received within the last ten years. Td (tetanus-diphtheria vaccine) is an acceptable substitute, if Tdap vaccine is medically contraindicated.

- **Measles Vaccine**
  Students born on or after January 1, 1957, must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of two doses of a measles-containing vaccine administered since January 1, 1968 (preferably MMR vaccine).

- **Mumps Vaccine**
  Students born on or after January 1, 1957, must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of two doses of a mumps vaccine.

- **Rubella Vaccine**
  Students must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of one dose of rubella vaccine.

- **Hepatitis B Vaccine**
  Students are required to receive a complete series of hepatitis B vaccine prior to the start of direct patient care.

- **Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine**
  Students are required to have received two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine.

- **Influenza (Flu) Vaccine**
  Students are required to have flu shots at the start of each flu season.

- **TB test**
  Students must receive a negative TB skin test within one year of application to the program. If the skin test results in a positive reading, the student must provide a clear chest x-ray and lab report to Castle Branch for evaluation.

Students offered a position in the dental hygiene program must meet the above immunization requirements, as prescribed by the state, **AFTER** a position is offered. Inability to meet these requirements could result in forfeiture of acceptance. **Please do not** include immunization records with the application.
DRUG SCREEN AND BACKGROUND CHECK

All applicants that accept a position in the dental hygiene program will be required to submit to a background and drug screen test.

Substances Tested:
- Amphetamines
- Barbiturate
- Benzodiazepines
- Cannabinoids
- Cocaine
- Methadone
- Methaqualone
- Opiates
- Phencyclidine
- Propoxyphene

Verification of Compliance & Recordkeeping

Castle Branch will notify the College regarding students who fail a criminal background check or drug screen. Upon request, verification of the compliance with these standards will be sent to the designated representative of the clinical/practicum affiliate prior to the clinical or practicum rotation start date.

The student name, immunization records, drug screen and criminal background information will be provided to the office of the Department Chair of Dental Studies. This information will be housed electronically. Applicants are advised that a criminal background may prohibit dental hygiene licensure by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. If a criminal background is reported to the Department Chair, the applicant may be required to request a criminal history evaluation from the licensing agency. It is the responsibility of TJC to inform students of requirements prior to enrollment in this curriculum. This will give students prior notice and an opportunity to decline the acceptance offer before investing time and money in the class. In the event the student feels that an error has been made in the criminal background check, it is the responsibility of the student to contact Castle Branch for a verification check.
CDA LICENSE – RULES FOR COURSE CREDIT

AAS Dental Hygiene students who have completed the TJC Certified Dental Assisting Program and who have passed all sections of the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) exam may opt out of enrolling in the following two dental hygiene courses:

- DHYG 1304 - Dental Radiology.
- DHYG 1219 - Dental Materials.

Students who earned a CDA without attending the TJC CDA Program will be required to take the two above mentioned DHYG courses.

Previous Enrollment in a Nursing or Health Science Program

If you have been enrolled in, but have not completed, any Nursing or Health Science program at TJC or any other college, you are required to submit the “Verification of Good Standing Form” (new this year). The form can be downloaded from the website. You will complete and sign the top section and forward the form to the Department Chair/Program Director of the program where you did not complete. You will ask the Chair or Director of that program to complete the bottom section and return the form to you. You will submit the form with your application documents at the time you apply.
NEW THIS YEAR! INTERVIEW PROCESS

Applicants who rank in the top 60 according to preliminary admission points will be asked to participate in an interview process. This portion of the application will include an MMI (multiple mini interviews) style of interview. A date and time will be scheduled in March. Applicants will be notified through official TJC email.

In addition to participation in the MMI process, the top ranked applicants will be asked to submit a short writing sample onsite at the time of the interview.

Possible Interview Criteria

- Professionalism
- Critical thinking
- Ethical decision making
- Interpersonal communication
- Leadership skills
- Commitment to team environment

Selection Process

Total preliminary points will be calculated for each applicant, and the 60 applicants with the highest points will be contacted through official TJC email with a scheduled appointment for an interview. The interview and writing sample will result in a maximum of 25 additional points. Once the interview points/writing points are calculated and added to the preliminary points, applicants will be ranked by total points. The 30 applicants with the highest total points will be offered conditional acceptance in the program. The next 15 students, in ranking order, will be selected as alternates. If a position in the program becomes available, an alternate will be contacted (in ranking order) via phone to fill the position. The remaining applicants will be declined. Every applicant, no matter the status, will be notified via official TJC email.
**Confirmation Agreement**

If you are offered a position in the program (via TJC email), a confirmation agreement will be attached to your email. You must complete the confirmation agreement and pay a $100 non-refundable deposit to hold your position in the program. The signed confirmation agreement, as well as proof of payment of the deposit must be submitted to the dental hygiene office by the date given in the email. The $100 deposit will be applied to your supply costs, during the first fall semester of the program.

**Dental Hygiene Student Orientation**

If you choose to accept a position in the dental hygiene program, you will be required to attend two mandatory orientations. One will be scheduled in May or June and the other will be scheduled in late summer prior to the start of the fall semester. Attendance is **required** for both sessions.
DUAL ENROLLMENT WITH THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

Students who are accepted in the AAS Dental Hygiene program and who are within 12 hours of core completion, are eligible to apply for concurrent enrollment in AAS Dental Hygiene courses and BS Dental Hygiene courses, starting in the fall semester of the first year of the AAS DH program.

Acceptance in dual enrollment will be based on a points system used by the BSDH program. Space in the program is limited. Visit the TJC BSDH Program website for application guidelines:
https://www.tjc.edu/info/20237/dental_hygiene_bachelor_degree_completion_program/304/how_to_apply_dental_hygiene BSDH