Dental Hygiene Bachelor Degree Completion Program

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

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TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE PROGRAM

The Tyler Junior College (TJC) dental hygiene degree completion curriculum leads to a Bachelor Degree in Dental Hygiene. Enrollment is limited to accepted applicants. The application process is outlined in this document. TJC is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to offer a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH). This hybrid program offers an opportunity for licensed dental hygienists to further their education beyond the associate degree level. Students in the BSDH Degree Completion program can anticipate a rewarding experience that develops and enhances skills in critical thinking, research, public health and education as they relate to the dental hygiene profession. This program is designed to guide students in developing the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values necessary for careers with responsibilities in a variety of healthcare, educational, research, management, sales, and community settings.
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BACHELOR DEGREE INCLUDES 120 TOTAL CREDIT HOURS:

Courses completed with AAS DH Degree:

*Dental Hygiene courses specific to the AAS Dental Hygiene degree.*

32 credit hours will be accepted as a block toward the 120 total credit hours.

The following courses are typically included in the Dental Hygiene AAS curriculum along with the Dental Hygiene courses (34 credit hours):

- BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II
- BIOL 2420 Microbiology
- BIOL 1322 Nutrition and Diet Therapy
- CHEM 1406 Fundamentals of Chemistry
- ENGL 1301 Composition I
- SOCI 1301 Introductory Sociology
- PHIL 2306 Introduction to Ethics
- PSYC 2301 General Psychology (or PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth and Development)
- SPCH 1315 Public Speaking or SPCH 1321 Business & Professional Communication

Additional courses needed to complete Bachelor Degree in Dental Hygiene

The following courses are required to complete TJC core curriculum (24 credit hours):

- ENGL 2311 Technical & Business Writing or ENGL 1302 Composition II
- MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods
- ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation or DANC 2303 Dance Appreciation I or DRAM 1310 Introduction to Theater or MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation
- HIST 1301 United States History I
- HIST 1302 United States History II or HIST 2301 Texas History
- GOVT 2305 Federal Government
- GOVT 2306 Texas Government
- EDUC 1300 Learning Framework

Upper Level Courses required for the bachelor degree (30 credit hours):

- DHYG 3300 Cultural Competence in Oral Health Care (3)
- DHYG 3310 Advanced Dental Health Care Ethics (3)
- DHYG 3320 Dental Hygiene Educational Concepts (3)
- DHYG 3330 Evidence-Based Dental Hygiene Practice (3)*
- DHYG 4300 Contemporary Issues in Dental Hygiene (3)
- DHYG 4310 Grant Writing Strategies for Oral Health Projects (3)
- DHYG 4220 Dental Hygiene Case Development (2)**
- DHYG 4430 Dental Hygiene Practicum (4)***
- DHYG 4350 Interprofessional Collaboration (3)
- DHYG 4360 Current Issues in Periodontics (3)

Prerequisite courses required:

* MATH 1342
** DHYG 3330
*** DHYG 3330 and 3320
CURRICULUM

TJC Degree Plan: One-Year

Fall
DHYG 3300  Cultural Competence in Oral Health Care (3)
DHYG 3320  Dental Hygiene Educational Concepts (3)
DHYG 3330  Evidence-Based Dental Hygiene Practice (3)*
DHYG 4310  Grant Writing Strategies for Oral Health Projects (3)

Spring
DHYG 3310  Advanced Dental Health Care Ethics (3)
DHYG 4300  Contemporary Issues in Dental Hygiene (3)
DHYG 4220  Dental Hygiene Case Development (2)**
DHYG 4430  Dental Hygiene Practicum (4)***

Summer
DHYG 4350  Interprofessional Collaboration (3)
DHYG 4360  Current Issues in Periodontics (3)

TJC Degree Plan: Two-Year

Fall
DHYG 3300  Cultural Competence in Oral Health Care (3)
DHYG 4310  Grant Writing Strategies for Oral Health Projects (3)

Spring
DHYG 3310  Advanced Dental Health Care Ethics (3)
DHYG 4300  Contemporary Issues in Dental Hygiene (3)

Summer
DHYG 4350  Interprofessional Collaboration (3)
DHYG 4360  Current Issues in Periodontics (3)

Fall
DHYG 3320  Dental Hygiene Educational Concepts (3)
DHYG 3330  Evidence Based Dental Hygiene Practice (3)*

Spring
DHYG 4220  Dental Hygiene Case Development (2)**
DHYG 4430  Dental Hygiene Practicum (4)***

Prerequisite courses required:
* MATH 1342
** DHYG 3330
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QUALITIES NECESSARY TO BE A SUCCESSFUL 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:

Students must:

- Demonstrate professional attitudes and behaviors.
- Be able to present a professional appearance, maintain personal health and be emotionally stable.
- Be able to demonstrate effective time management.
- Be able to multitask, prioritize, comprehend and follow instructions.

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.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Those applying for the program must:

- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Have graduated with an associate’s degree from a dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.
- Have active licensure as a dental hygienist.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants will have the option of enrolling in either a one year or two year degree completion plan.
- Completion of the core curriculum is required prior to receiving a bachelor’s degree at TJC. Please review core curriculum requirements at http://www.tjc.edu/info/2004368/core_curriculum.
- In the final semester, students must commit to a practicum experience based on career interest.
- Completion of a total of 120 credit hours is required for the bachelor’s degree. Elective courses and/or core courses may include coursework previously taken for the entry level dental hygiene associate degree program.
- A student must earn a C or higher in all dental hygiene courses.

WHAT STEPS DO I TAKE TO APPLY?

TJC Selective Admissions Program Application

- Apply to Tyler Junior College (online application available at www.tjc.edu) and receive a student identification number.
- Complete, print, and submit the checklist (last page of this document).
- Complete, print, and submit a Selective Admissions Program Application, found on the TJC Dental Hygiene Website (www.tjc.edu/dental).
- Submit official transcripts, from all colleges attended, to the TJC registrar’s office.
- Provide RDH license number and state of issue on the enclosed checklist.
**HOW ARE APPLICANTS SELECTED?**

Selection for placement is based on a first come – first serve basis. In order to be considered for first come – first serve placement, the applicant must...

- meet all requirements for admission
- choose the 2-year plan or the 1-year plan
- submit all required documentation together (see checklist) prior to the stated deadline.

Positions will be filled based on the date of submission until each class is filled or until the stated deadline, whichever comes first. Students who are interested in taking only one class may be considered after the stated deadline, if the class does not reach capacity.

**APPLICATION PERIOD**  
**July 8- August 12**

All documents must be submitted by the Aug 12th deadline in order to be considered for first come – first serve placement.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM SELECTED?**

The applicants selected for placement into the Dental Hygiene Bachelor’s Degree Completion Program will receive an email notification, through their TJC email, from the program coordinator along with a confirmation agreement. The applicant must submit the confirmation agreement, including the selection of degree options.

**ESTIMATED COSTS**

*These costs do not include text books.*

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<td>Three Semesters (core complete)</td>
<td>Five Semesters (core complete)</td>
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<td><strong>Total DHYG Courses</strong></td>
<td>In District: $4,638.00  Out of District: $6,288.00</td>
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<td><strong>Remaining Core (24 credit hours) - if not core complete</strong></td>
<td>In District: $6,372.00  Out of District: $9,342.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total Program Costs including Core Courses</strong></td>
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CHECKLIST – TO BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION.
Bachelor Degree in Dental Hygiene

Name:___________________________________________________
A# (or SSN): _______________________________

I have...

☐ Applied to TJC, online
  https://ssbprod2012.tjc.edu/dbServer_PROD/bwskalog.P_DispLoginNon . If you
  attended TJC June 2015 or later, you can skip this step. If you were enrolled in TJC
  college credit courses prior to June 2015, you WILL need to re-apply to TJC.

☐ A cumulative GPA of 2.5.

☐ An active RDH License #_____________________.

☐ All official transcripts from all colleges attended on file in the TJC registrar’s office, or
  attached.

☐ Completed and printed the Selective Admissions Program Application found on TJC’s
  website,