Baccalaureate Degree
Dental Hygiene Program

Guidelines for Admission
Application deadlines:
August 10th (fall admission)
Dec 10th (spring admission)
May 10th (summer admission)

Program Director:
Julie Mettlen, MS, RDH
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NATURE OF THE OCCUPATION

Dental Hygienist
The Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program at TJC is the only one of its kind offered at a community college in Texas. This program is designed for licensed dental hygienists seeking a bachelor degree and for current TJC AAS dental hygiene students who want to concurrently enroll. A bachelor's degree in dental hygiene offers multiple career opportunities in a variety of settings. In addition to treating patients directly, dental hygienists work as educators, researchers, community project coordinators, and administrators.

Curriculum
This curriculum leads to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene (BSDH). Enrollment is limited to accepted applicants. The application process is outlined in this document. TJC holds full accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission to award baccalaureate degrees. 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 advanced knowledge to further his or her professional and educational needs. The BSDH completion courses are offered fully online to better accommodate distance learners as well as currently enrolled TJC AAS students.

If you have a passion for the dental profession and are interested in expanding your knowledge and job opportunities, we can help you put those aspirations to work.
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

*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.*
DENTAL STUDIES

Dental Hygiene BS (One-year Sequence)

Bachelor of Science

TSI Complete

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MAJOR COURSES 30 CREDITS

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

PRESCRIBED ELECTIVES 14 CREDITS

BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II
BIOL 2420 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors
SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology
xxx x3xx Elective

Select any number of elective hours needed to bring the total semester hours to no fewer than 120.

TJC CORE CURRICULUM 44 CREDITS

In addition to the Major Courses, the student is required to take 44 credit hours from the TJC Core Curriculum. These courses must not duplicate courses taken to fulfill the major course requirement.

Transferred DHYG AAS Credit Hours: 32
Major Courses: 30
Prescribed Electives: 14
TJC Core Curriculum: 44

Total Semester Hours: 120

One-year Course Sequence:

PRESCRIBED ELECTIVES CREDIT HOURS
(usually included in AAS DH degree)

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PREREQUISITES

DHYG credit hours transferred from any CODA-accredited dental hygiene AAS program as a block ........................................... 32

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DHYG 3330 Evidence-Based Dental Hygiene Practice .. 3
DHYG 4300 Contemporary Issues in Dental Hygiene .... 3
DHYG 4220 Dental Hygiene Case Development .............. 2
DHYG 4430 Dental Hygiene Practicum ........................... 4
DHYG 4350 Interprofessional Collaboration ..................... 3

SECOND SEMESTER

DHYG 4310 Grant Writing Strategies for Oral .......... 3
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DHYG 3320 Dental Hygiene Educational Concepts ........ 3
DHYG 3330 Evidence-Based Dental Hygiene Practice .. 3
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DHYG 4430 Dental Hygiene Practicum ........................... 4
DHYG 4350 Interprofessional Collaboration ..................... 3

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DHYG 3310 Advanced Dental Health Care Ethics .......... 3
DHYG 4360 Current Issues in Periodontics ..................... 3

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1) Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
2) Have graduated with an associate degree from a dental hygiene program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) OR be currently enrolled in the TJC AAS Dental Hygiene program.
3) Be licensed as a dental hygienist OR be dental hygiene licensure eligible OR be currently enrolled in the TJC AAS Dental Hygiene program.
# Dental Hygiene BS (Two-year Sequence)

**Bachelor of Science**

**TSI Complete**

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3) Be licensed as a dental hygienist OR be dental hygiene licensure eligible OR be currently enrolled in the TJC AAS Dental Hygiene program.
ADMISSION PROCESS

The BSDH Program only accepts applications during the advertised admission period. Applications must be submitted through the online submission form. We do not accept applications sent through mail, e-mail, fax or hand delivery.

Application Periods

May 11th to August 10th (applicants selected will begin classes in the following fall semester)
August 11th to December 10th (applicants selected will begin classes in the following spring semester)
December 11th to May 10th (applicants selected will begin classes in the following summer semester)

Submit Application Using Online Submission Form

You will use ONLY the online submission form to upload and submit all documents for your application.

- Applications submitted through the online submission form must be in a PDF format.
- All documents for your application must be uploaded and sent in one submission.
- An automatic confirmation email will be sent once the submission is complete.
DETAILED STEPS TO APPLY ONLINE

Apply for General Admission to TJC

In order to apply to the BSDH Program, you must have been accepted as a TJC student. Your application to TJC can be completed and submitted online:

https://www.tjc.edu/admissions

Before you submit a selective admissions application to the BSDH Program, you must be:

- 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;
- have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

For licensed hygienist (RDH) applicants ONLY:

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.

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 Please allow up to 6 weeks for the registrar’s office to evaluate and post transcripts to Degree Works.
For all applicants:

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

Download and complete the *Dental Hygiene Baccalaureate Degree Application.*

This application is available in the “Downloads” section on the website.

Download and Complete the *Worksheet-BSDH Program.*

This form is available in the “Downloads” section on the website. Acceptance into the BSDH Program is based on a points system. Points are calculated based on the following criteria:

- Two science courses and English 1301 have the following points value (you will choose the 2 sciences you have completed with the highest grade):
  - A=3 points;
  - B=2 points;
  - C=1 points;
  - D/F=0 points.
- Successful completion of MATH 1342 (grade of C or higher) is worth 1 point.
- Residency within the Tyler Junior College taxing district is worth 1 point (based on information collected by the TJC Registrar’s office).
- Applicants that have previously applied (within the last 12 months) will receive 2 points.
- Applicants with an RDH license will receive 6 points.
- Core courses, successfully completed with a grade of “C” or higher, are worth 1 point each for an A, B, or C:
  - ENGL 1301
  - ENGL 1302 or 2311
  - SPCH 1315 or 1321
  - MATH 1342
  - BIOL 2401 (see worksheet for substitutions)
  - BIOL 2402 (see worksheet for substitutions)
  - HUMA 1301 (see worksheet for substitutions)
  - ARTS 1301 (see worksheet for substitutions)
  - PSYC 2301 (see worksheet for substitutions)
  - HIST 1301
  - HIST 1302 or 2301
  - GOVT 2305
  - GOVT 2306
  - EDUC 1300 or COSC 1301
- Current RDH license (copy of license must be submitted with application) is worth 6 points
Obtain a copy of your RDH license or a copy of your email showing acceptance into the TJC AAS Dental Hygiene Program. If you are currently enrolled in AAS DHYG courses, you will not be required to submit documentation.

Submit Application Packet ONLINE

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

- I have applied to TJC and received my student ID number. This is only necessary if you have not been enrolled in TJC courses for the previous two semesters.
- I have completed the ONLINE submission form and uploaded the following:
  - *Dental Hygiene Baccalaureate Degree Application.*
  - *Worksheet-BSDH Program Form (points calculation form).*
  - RDH license (if applicable).
  - Copy of email showing acceptance into the TJC Dental Hygiene AAS Program* (if applicable).
  *if you are currently enrolled in TJC Dental Hygiene AAS courses, you do not need to supply the email showing acceptance

If you have attended TJC AND/OR any other college, make sure you have completed/submitted the following:

- I have applied to TJC and received my student ID number. This is only necessary if you have not been enrolled in TJC courses for the previous two semesters.
- 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 (only applies to applicants who have attended colleges OTHER than TJC).
- I have completed the ONLINE submission form and uploaded the following:
  - *Dental Hygiene Baccalaureate Degree Application.*
  - *Worksheet-BSDH Program Form (points calculation form).*
  - RDH license (if applicable).
  - Copy of email showing acceptance into the TJC Dental Hygiene AAS Program* (if applicable).
  *if you are currently enrolled in TJC Dental Hygiene AAS courses, you do not need to supply the email showing acceptance
SELECTION PROCESS

Space is limited by class size. Total points will be calculated for each applicant. All applications will be processed and ordered according to rank, from highest to lowest points. Applicants with the highest total points will be offered a position in the program, based on space availability. Once all spots are filled, the remaining 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. 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 notification. You must complete the confirmation agreement and email it back to Karen Ivy (kivy@tjc.edu) to secure your position in the program. Signed confirmation agreements must be submitted to the BSDH dental hygiene office by the deadline given in the email. Failure to submit confirmation could result in the forfeiture of your position.

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