



2024-2025 GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Applications accepted throughout the year.

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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's degree. 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 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.

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

[TJC.edu/tuition](https://www.tjc.edu/tuition)



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.

DEGREE PLAN

DENTAL STUDIES

Dental Hygiene BS (One-year Sequence)

Bachelor of Science

TSI Complete

The Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene is contingent on completion of a Dental Hygiene AAS degree from a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and the possession of an active RDH license.

MAJOR COURSES 30 CREDITS

DHYG 3300	Cultural Competence in Oral Health Care
DHYG 4380	Administrative Leadership
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
xxxx 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)

BIOL 2402	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
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PREREQUISITES

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

FIRST SEMESTER

DHYG 3300	Cultural Competence in Oral Health Care	.3
DHYG 4380	Administrative Leadership	3
DHYG 3320	Dental Hygiene Educational Concepts	3
DHYG 3330	Evidence-Based Dental Hygiene Practice	.3

SECOND SEMESTER

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

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

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Applicants must:

- 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).*
- 3) Be licensed as a dental hygienist OR be dental hygiene licensure eligible.*
- 4) Be within 12 hours of core completion.*

DEGREE PLAN

DENTAL STUDIES

Dental Hygiene BS (Two-year Sequence)

Bachelor of Science

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SUMMER I

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

THIRD SEMESTER

DHYG 3320	Dental Hygiene Educational Concepts	3
DHYG 3330	Evidence-Based Dental Hygiene Practice	3

FOURTH SEMESTER

DHYG 4220	Dental Hygiene Case Development	2
DHYG 4430	Dental Hygiene Practicum	4

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ADMISSION PROCESS

The BSDH Program accepts applications throughout the year. Applications must be submitted through the online submission form. We do not accept applications sent through mail, e-mail, fax or hand delivery. The application must be fully processed at least two weeks prior to the start of the semester that you plan to register for classes.

Classes can be started in fall, spring or summer.

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

- be accepted as a TJC student and have an A Number (student ID)
- be within 12 hours of core completion
- have an active RDH License OR be eligible for licensure
- have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher



STEPS TO APPLY ONLINE

1. 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: www.tjc.edu/admissions

2. 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.

3. 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. 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.

Only courses posted on your transcript will be considered. Courses that are "in progress" at the time of submission will not be applied to your completed core classes.

4. 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 will appear when you successfully submit your application.

THOSE WITH AN ACTIVE RDH LICENSE:

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
 - > RDH license

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.
 - > RDH license.

THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR LICENSURE, BUT HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THEIR RDH LICENSE:

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

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- ✓ I have completed the ONLINE submission form and uploaded the following:
 - > Dental Hygiene Baccalaureate Degree Application
 - > Copies of licensure exam results (National Board and Clinical Exam)

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SELECTION PROCESS



Space is limited by class size. All applications will be processed and applicants will be notified via their TJC email account regarding acceptance, based on space availability. If the class is full, applicants will be given options to apply for the following semester.

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 Stacey Norrell (snor@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.