

DENTAL HYGIENE

Associate in Science Degree (CIP# 1351060200)

Limited-Access

This Dental Hygiene Program is designed to prepare students for careers as dental hygienists. Graduates are eligible to take the National Dental Hygiene Board Exam and Florida or regional examinations for licensure as registered dental hygienists. Graduates also will be eligible to receive certification in expanded duties recognized by the Florida State Board of Dentistry.

This program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements." The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

Dental Hygiene is a limited-access program. Admission to Valencia does not imply acceptance to the Dental Hygiene Program; students must apply and be accepted to the program. General admission procedures for this program are found in the Admissions section of this catalog. The Division of Allied Health provides information about specific admission criteria.

Estimated program expenses are given in the Financial section of this catalog.

Admission requirements that must be satisfied prior to submitting an application to the A.S. degree program in Dental Hygiene are:

- Review the general admission requirements for Health Sciences programs in the Admissions section of this catalog.
- Submit a completed Valencia Application for Admission; satisfy the requirements for degree-seeking status and be in active student status.
- Satisfy the college entry testing requirements and satisfactorily complete all mandatory courses in reading, Professions of Caring (HSC 1004) for students pending acceptance to a health sciences program, or New Student Experience (SLS 1122), mathematics, English, and English for Academic Purposes in which you are placed.
- Complete the Dental hygiene Prerequisites for Admission with minimum grade of C.
- Have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.5 (including transfer work). NOTE: Transfer students with completed coursework at Valencia College also need to have a minimum institutional/Valencia GPA of 2.0 at the time of applying (in addition to the minimum overall college GPA of 2.5).
- Satisfy the designated entrance test requirements for Health Sciences programs.
- Submit the completed Valencia Dental Hygiene Program application with the application fee by the deadline.

A student who fails or withdraws from any course with a subject prefix of DEH or DES will not be permitted to continue in the Dental Hygiene Program. A student may petition the Dental Hygiene Program one time to be allowed to repeat a course with a subject prefix of DEH or DES. If the student is unsuccessful in this repeat, he/she will not be allowed to

continue in the Dental Hygiene Program. Procedures for the readmission petition process are found in the Dental Hygiene Student Handbook.

Students are strongly encouraged to consult their campus based Allied Health Program Advisor for assistance in determining the best education plan for their career goals.

Alternative Ways to Earn Credit toward this Degree

Graduates of specific programs at Orange Technical College and Osceola Technical College, as well as other institutions may be eligible to receive college credit for courses in this program. You may also be eligible to receive credit toward this degree if you have earned one of the approved Gold Standard industry certifications. To learn more about Valencia's award of credit options, visit valenciacollege.edu/asdegrees/credit_octc.cfm. Eligible students should contact the Career Program Advisor in their academic department for more information about the requirements for the award of credit.

Start Right

Degree-seeking students enrolling at Valencia for the first time will have a limited range of courses from which to choose for their first 18 college-level credits. Within the first 18 college credit hours, you will be required to take ENC1101 (3 credits), and if applicable, Professions of Caring (HSC 1004) for students pending acceptance to a health sciences program, or New Student Experience (SLS 1122), and a mathematics course appropriate to your selected meta-major (3 credits). The remaining courses will be chosen from the General Education Core Courses in humanities (3 credits), science (3 credits), or social science (3 credits), and/or the introductory courses within the A.S. degree programs. For specific courses see the *Foundation Courses* on the "Program Requirements" tab.

For course sequencing recommendations, see your campus based Allied Health Program Advisor or access the Course Planning Guide on the Health Sciences webpage <http://valenciacollege.edu/west/health/admissionupdates.cfm#Dental>.

Potential Careers

- Dental Hygienist

Salary & Earnings Information

For career information related to this program, please visit O*Net OnLine (<https://www.onetonline.org/>).

Contacts

Future Students

To learn more about this program, contact Enrollment Services at enrollment@valenciacollege.edu or 407-582-1507 or visit valenciacollege.edu/dental-hygiene/ (<https://net1.valenciacollege.edu/future-students/degree-options/associates/dental-hygiene/>).

Current Students

Active Valencia students who are *pending program acceptance* may meet with the pending Allied Health Program Advisor in the campus Student Services department. For Information Sessions, Admission Guides, Program Applications, and the most updated information, visit the website at: <http://valenciacollege.edu/west/health/> *Accepted, in-program* students will meet with their assigned Career Program Advisor after confirming acceptance.

Program Outcomes

- Perform entry level skills competently as described by the scope of practice for dental hygiene.
- Perform effective communication within the healthcare environment.
- Prepare a safe dental healthcare environment.
- Formulate clinical decisions based upon scientific evidence.
- Propose a plan for promotion of patient oral health.

Prerequisite for Admission

BSC 2093C	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I ^{+*~}	4
BSC 2094C	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II ^{+*~}	4
MCB 2010C	MICROBIOLOGY ^{+*~}	4
ENC 1101	FRESHMAN COMPOSITION I	3
	Credit Hours	15

Year I

Summer Term		Credit Hours
DES 1020	Dental Anatomy ^{+*}	2
DES 1020L	Dental Anatomy Lab ⁺	1
DEH 1000	INTRODUCTION TO DENTAL HYGIENE (new course) ⁺	1
DES 1800	INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL PROCEDURES	1
SPC 1608 or SPC 1017	FUNDAMENTALS OF SPEECH or Interpersonal Communication	3
	Credit Hours	8

Fall Term

DEH 1003	FUNDAMENTALS OF DENTAL HYGIENE ^{+*}	2
DEH 1003L	DENTAL HYGIENE INSTRUMENTATION ⁺	2
DES 1200	Dental Radiography ⁺	2
DES 1200L	DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY LABORATORY ⁺	1
DES 1800L	INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL PROCEDURES LAB ⁺	1
DES 1100	Dental Materials ^{+*}	2
DES 1100L	Dental Materials Lab ⁺	1
	Credit Hours	11

Spring Term

HUN 2202	Essen Nutrition w/Diet Therapy ^{+*}	3
DEH 1130	Oral Histology and Embryology ⁺	2
DEH 1800	Dental Hygiene I ^{+*}	2
DEH 1800L	CLINICAL DENTAL HYGIENE I ^{+*}	5
DES 1600	Dental Office Emergencies ^{+*}	1
DEH 1602	Periodontology I ^{+*}	1
DES 1051	Dental Pain Control & Local ^{+*}	2
	Credit Hours	16

Year II

Summer Term

DEH 1802	Dental Hygiene II ^{+*}	2
DEH 1802L	CLINICAL DENTAL HYGIENE II ^{+*}	3
DEH 2604	Periodontology II ^{+*}	1
DEH 2300	Pharmacology ^{+*}	2
DEH 2700	DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION ^{+*}	1
	Credit Hours	9

Fall Term

PSY 2012	General Psychology ^{+~}	3
DEH 2400	General and Oral Pathology ^{+*}	3
DEH 2701	COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH I ^{+*}	2
DEH 2804	Dental Hygiene III ^{+*}	2
DEH 2804L	Clinical Dental Hygiene III ^{+*}	4
Humanities	See Gen. Ed. Core or Institutional Requirement (http://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/degrees/associateinscience/asgeneraleducationrequirements/) ^{+*~}	3
	Credit Hours	17

Spring Term

SYG 2000	Introductory Sociology ^{+~}	3
DEH 2605	Periodontology Seminar ^{+*}	1
DEH 2702	Community Dental Health II ^{+*}	1
DEH 2812	Dental Hygiene IV ^{+*}	2
DEH 2806L	CLINICAL DENTAL HYGIENE IV ^{+*}	5
	Credit Hours	12
	Total Credit Hours	88

+ This course must be completed with a grade of C or better.

* This course has a prerequisite; check description in Valencia catalog.

~ This is a general education course.

Notes:

All accepted applicants are required to submit applications through Valencia for a criminal background check and drug testing. Applicants for Valencia's Health Sciences Programs must be free of offenses that would disqualify them from a student clinical experience in a healthcare setting and must have their civil rights intact. This policy is in response to requirements by clinical agencies and state/federal regulations.

Specialized program courses are offered on the West Campus and may not be offered every session.

Upon earning the A.S. degree in Dental Hygiene, eligible applicants can continue at Valencia to complete a bachelor-level Advanced Technical Certificate (ATC) in Leadership in Healthcare. Additional education at the bachelor's level and professional experience can enhance skills and create more career options.

Students who wish to continue their education should consult with their Program Advisor to determine the best education plan for their career goals.