

**Dental Hygiene Associate in Science Program
Admission Requirements Checklist
(Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission)**

Term	Applications Accepted	Application Review	Interview Invitations Sent to Eligible Candidates	Interview	Student Notified By MySPC E-mail
Summer: May	Nov 1 - Jan 7	Jan 8 - Feb 13	Feb 14	Feb 24 or Feb 25	March 7

- New** students must complete the St. Petersburg College Admission Application and pay the non-refundable fee. **Returning** students must complete the online Readmission steps in MySPC if you have not enrolled in the previous six semesters. [Admissions and Readmissions](#)
- Submit official, unopened (sealed) high school transcript(s) or GED transcripts. We do not accept unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened. Applicants who have earned an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution are waived from this requirement. **Transcripts must be received and evaluated by St. Petersburg College prior to the application deadline to ensure consideration.** [Submitting Official Transcripts](#)
- Submit official, unopened (sealed) transcripts from all regionally accredited colleges and/or universities. We do not accept unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened. **Transcripts must be received and evaluated by St. Petersburg College prior to the application deadline to ensure consideration.** [Submitting Official Transcripts](#)
- Students must demonstrate they are at college level in Writing, Reading, and Math either through appropriate test scores or through appropriate course completion.
- Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 on a 4.00 scale in all postsecondary coursework. Your Academic Standing can have an impact on your admission, enrollment, and financial aid eligibility. See the SPC Academic Standing Policy for details. [Academic Standing Policy](#)
- Read and acknowledge the [Technical Standards for Dental Hygiene AS Degree Program](#).
- Complete a minimum of 20 credit hours from the Dental Hygiene Curriculum with grades of “C” or better. Including the below classes:
 BSC 2085 and BSC 2085L (Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 and Lab)
 BSC 2086 and BSC 2086L (Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 and Lab)
 MCB 2010 and MCB 2010L (Microbiology and Lab)
- Earn a minimum 3.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale in the pre-entry, general education and support courses of the Dental Hygiene curriculum.
- Complete a minimum of 4 hours of dental hygiene observation or experience with a registered dental hygienist within one year of the application deadline (since January 7, 2024). You must collect the following information while completing your observation hours. The Health Programs Application will provide you the opportunity to input the following mandatory information as you complete the application.
 - **Name & Location of Facility**
 - **Name of Dentist**
 - **Date and Time**
 - **Name of Dental Hygienist Observed**
 - **License number of Dental Hygienist Observed**

- ❑ Applicants will be required to print, sign, and upload the following signature [forms](#) in the application. Please prepare in advance to submit. If admitted, further details on completing the background, drug and fingerprint screening process will be sent in the admission email.
- ❑ Submit the Health Programs Application by going to: <https://web.spcollege.edu/hec/application/apply>.

***All transcripts and alternate satisfaction requests must be received and evaluated by St. Petersburg College at least 30 days prior to the application deadline to ensure consideration.*

Transfer Coursework

Transfer courses for which there is no direct SPC equivalent will be posted as elective credit and designate with a '999' course number. If you believe a course posted as an elective should satisfy a degree requirement, you may submit a request for an Alternate Satisfaction. To initiate the alternate satisfaction request/review process: Complete the Alternative Satisfaction Survey, <https://web.spcollege.edu/survey/21215>.

Selection Criteria

Due to enrollment limitations, meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. When the number of eligible applications exceeds the program availability, selective criteria will be used to determine which applicants will be offered admission. Students who have met all admission requirements will be considered using a point system based on health program GPA, pre-entry, general education, support coursework completed as well as the interview score:

- **31 points** may be awarded based on the number of health program pre-entry, general education and support courses completed.
- **40 points** may be awarded based on the health program GPA (grades earned from pre-entry, general education and support courses). A grade of P will be assigned the value of a student's cumulative GPA for selective admission GPA calculation purposes for this program, excluding the computer competency.
- **27 points** may be awarded based on participation in an academic group interview. The interview includes a group discussion, hands-on group activity and individual essay to be typed and saved on site. Computer skills and soft skills including punctuality, professionalism, leadership, cooperation and communication are considered.
- In the event of a tie, science GPA will be considered.
- **All application requirements must be satisfied by the close of the application window.**

Selection Process

- **February 14** - All applicants will receive one of the following emails to their SPC live student email account:
 1. Email to applicants with **incomplete** files (missing transcripts, coursework, or other application requirements).
 2. Email to applicants whose **Dental Hygiene Admissions Credits + GPA is below the top 60**, to notify applicants they will not be admitted to the program.
 3. Email to **top 60 applicants with the highest Dental Hygiene Admissions Credits + GPA Points**, to offer applicants the opportunity to participate in the Interview segment of the application process.
- **February 20** – RSVP Deadline for Interview
- **February 24th or 25th** – Interview
- **March 7** - Remaining applicants will receive either an acceptance or nonacceptance email with further instructions.

If you are offered admission you will need to complete the following pre-enrollment requirements by a specific due date to maintain eligible status.

- Complete the Notice of Intent survey (Provided in Admission E-Mail).
- Successfully pass a [background check and drug screening](#) (Information and due date provided in Admission E-Mail).
- Complete the Health Education and Program Orientation. (Date provided in Admission E-Mail)
- Provide documentation of required immunizations and test results for infectious diseases by the first day of class of your first term (Information/Instructions provided at Program Orientation).
- Provide documentation of valid and current American Heart Association CPR certification (Information/Instructions provided at Program Orientation).

If you are not offered admission, you will need to reapply during the next appropriate application acceptance period.

Program Admission Statistics

The Dental Hygiene program typically accepts 30 students but with current COVID restrictions enrollment may be reduced to 24, which includes up to 10 active military students. The average GPA for acceptance varies based on the pool of applicants, but typically falls between 3.7 and 3.9 with all courses complete. For the prior admission cycle, the average Total Points (**CREDIT POINTS + GPA POINTS + INTERVIEW POINTS**) for acceptance was 94.78 out of a maximum of 98 Total Points.

Program Information

Dental Hygiene students are expected to attend courses each semester from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. three to four days a week. During certain semesters, there are labs required that are held in the late afternoon until 7:30 p.m. Attendance is mandatory for all courses and labs. The dental hygiene curriculum prepares students by requiring them to participate throughout the program as a patient subject and clinician as part of their educational experience. These experiences will include but are not limited to:

- Being a patient for a peer receiving local anesthesia through syringe injections in the mouth.
- Being a patient for a peer as they practice instrumentation in the mouth.
- Being a patient for a peer as they practice taking impressions in the mouth.
- Being a clinician performing the aforementioned services.
- Being a clinician exposed to bloodborne pathogens (blood and bodily fluids) during the dental hygiene process of patient care.
- Being a clinician who will expose radiographic images on patients (taking x rays on patients).

As part of the educational experience, dental hygiene students are required to participate throughout the program at off-campus clinical rotation sites and as part of our curriculum courses. These multiple clinical rotation sites and community service-learning experiences require traveling to and from each site to observe or provide dental hygiene services to different patient populations and network with oral healthcare professionals. Transportation to these sites is the responsibility of the student.

Estimated Costs

*1Tuition	**Physical & Immunizations	Drug & Background Check	Uniforms, Special Equipment Lab Fees & Other Costs	Textbooks	State Exam & License Fees	Total
\$6,656	\$300	\$180	\$6,416	\$4,000	\$2,150	\$19,702

***1Tuition is estimated using the Florida resident rates. Out-of-state residents will have higher tuition fees.**

*1Tuition is for Dental Hygiene coursework only. General Education and Support courses are not included.

** These are high estimates; actual costs will vary depending on health insurance coverage.

Accessibility Services

St. Petersburg College is committed to providing quality education and services to all students by ensuring that admission, academic programs, support services, student activities, and campus facilities are accessible to and usable by qualified students with disabilities. Each specific health program has its own technical standards which all students must meet with or without an accommodation(s). To help students achieve success, Accessibility Services works with students, faculty, and staff to coordinate the provision of reasonable accommodations. To put your accommodations in place, please contact the Health Education Center (HEC) Accessibility Services (AS) at 727-341-4141 or <https://www.spcollege.edu/current-students/student-affairs/student-support-resources/accessibility-services> even if you are registered with another campus.

St. Petersburg College is committed to equal access/equal opportunity in its programs, activities, and employment. For additional information visit [SPC EAEO](#).

PRE-ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (May not be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree.)	CREDITS REQUIRED								
BSC 2085- Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3								
BSC 2085L- Human Anatomy & Physiology Laboratory I	1								
BSC 2086 - Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3								
BSC 2086L - Human Anatomy & Physiology Laboratory II	1								
MCB 2010 - Microbiology	3								
MCB 2010L - Microbiology Laboratory	1								
SUPPORT COURSES (May not be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree.)									
PSY 1012 – General Psychology or (Honors)	3								
GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES (May be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree.)									
ENC 1101- Composition I or (Honors)	3								
*3 credits from the State Approved Humanities & Fine Arts Core Course List	3								
**3 credits from the State Approved Social & Behavioral Sciences Core Course List	3								
3 credits from the State Approved Mathematics Core Course List	3								
PHI 1600 – Applied Ethics or (Honors)	3								
Computer/Information Literacy Competency Requirement (Not calculated into GPA)	1								
CREDIT HOUR TOTALS (includes	31								
Find your program GPA calculator here (Program GPA multiplied by 10 = GPA Points) 4.0 GPA x 10 = 40									
MAXIMUM POINT TOTAL = (CREDIT POINTS + GPA POINTS + INTERVIEW POINTS)									
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Graduation Requirements

In addition to satisfying the General Education course requirements, students must:

- Complete all core courses required for their program
- earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA in all courses completed
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- ***ENHANCED WORLD VIEW**

Students must demonstrate competency through successful completion of an approved Enhanced World View course. The Enhanced World View Requirement is waived with a prior AA or higher degree. The following courses may satisfy both the General Education Humanities & Fine Arts Core and Enhanced World View course requirements:

ARH 1000 Understanding Art 3 credits

HUM 1020 Introduction to Humanities 3 credits

- ****CIVIC LITERACY**

Students entering an A.S. Degree program in the 2022-2023 academic school year and thereafter must demonstrate competency through successful completion of one of the following Civic Literacy courses and assessment exam prior to program completion. The Civic Literacy Requirement **is not waived** by a prior AA or higher degree. The following courses may satisfy both the General Education Social & Behavioral Sciences Core and Civic Literacy course requirements:

POS 2041 American National Government 3 credits

AMH 2020 History of the United States II 3 credits

AND by achieving a 60% passing score on the Florida Civic Literacy Examination (FCLE)

The following are alternatives to the Civic Literacy course and Florida Civic Literacy Examination (FCLE). The following AP and CLEP scores may satisfy both the Civic Literacy Course and Exam requirements:

AP Government and Politics: United States Score: 3

AP United States History Score: 4

CLEP: American Government Score: 50

St. Petersburg College

Dental Hygiene

Observation Record

**Minimum 4 Hours of dental hygiene observation completed within one year of the application deadline
(since January 7)**

*****Applicants are to dress in accordance with the dress code of the facility of attendance. Please inquire when calling to arrange your appointment.*****

This form is for informational purposes only and does not need to be sent to the Health Education Center. You will have the opportunity to input the information you collect on this form in the Health Programs Application at the time of submission. **You must type ALL of the following information when submitting your admission application, including the full name and clear/active Dental Hygiene license number of the registered dental hygienist you observe within one year of your application deadline:**

Observation:

Facility Name & Location & Dentist Name	Date/Time spent	Full Name of Dental Hygienist Observed	License # of Dental Hygienist Observed
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____

Confidentiality of patient records: According to the HIPPA guidelines, information regarding the names of individuals and / or treatment they are undergoing must be treated in strict confidence and must not be communicated in any manner. Any unauthorized viewing, discussion or disclosure of an individual's healthcare information could result in litigation and / or prosecution.