

Dental Hygiene

BACHELOR of APPLIED SCIENCE

ADMISSIONS GUIDE



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- This online program can help licensed dental hygienists improve their career opportunities in such areas as practice management, education or sales.

Admission Requirements Checklist

- 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](#)
- A secondary Health Program Application is required for limited access Health Programs. See link below.**
- Submit official, unopened (sealed) high school or GED transcripts indicating completion of standard high school diploma or equivalency. 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 college(s) and/or universities currently or previously attended. 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 may have an impact on your admission, enrollment, and financial aid eligibility. See the SPC Academic Standing Policy for details. [Academic Standing Policy](#)
- Complete a minimum of 15 semester hours of transferable general education coursework from a regionally accredited college or university. To view approved General Education courses, please refer to [General Education Requirements](#).
- Submit official transcript showing completion of a dental hygiene degree from an institution accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.
- DH License:** Submit your active, unrestricted, unencumbered (i.e. clear/active) Dental Hygiene license information from the state in which you are practicing. Note: This is to be kept current and unrestricted throughout the duration of the program. * The Baccalaureate Admission Application will provide the opportunity to input your required Dental Hygiene license information as you complete the application.
- Submit the Baccalaureate Dental Hygiene application by going to: http://web.spcollege.edu/hec/app_ud/apply.

Admissions Information

- It is the student's responsibility to verify admission criteria has been met for the program; Please apply once you complete all admission criteria and allow up to four weeks for processing.
- All students will receive an admission status update sent to their MySPC Live Student Email (xxxxx#@live.spcollege.edu) within four (4) weeks of submitting a Baccalaureate Dental Hygiene Application. If you are not sure how to access your MySPC live student email, please visit [How do I Access My SPC Email](#).
- Students with incomplete applications are encouraged to discuss missing admission criteria with an academic advisor and reapply when eligible.
- The program will accept applications continually throughout the year for the next available Fall or Spring start date.
- All qualified students will be offered admission for the next available start date (or until BASDH classes are filled). Once the Notice of Intent to Participate survey is completed, the student will be emailed a Welcome Letter and assigned a program advisor to help plan their program progression.
- Classes may fill quickly, so students are encouraged to apply and enroll early.

Estimated Cost***

Type of Student	Tuition	Textbooks	Total
Florida Resident	\$5,300	\$1,000	\$6,300
Non-Florida Resident	\$17,600	\$1,000	\$18,600

*****(PLEASE NOTE: ANY ADDITIONAL CREDITS NEEDED TO COMPLETE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS WILL INCREASE THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROGRAM.)*****

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.

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Transfer Coursework

It is the student's responsibility to ensure transfer coursework meets SPC course requirements. 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** at <https://web.spcollege.edu/survey/21215>.

Before you begin completing the survey, be sure to have the following available:

- Course name and course number of the course taken at the former institution
- Official or unofficial copy of the transcript from the former institution to upload
- Syllabus of the course you completed and wish to use to satisfy an SPC course

Questions regarding transfer credit evaluation should be directed to transcript.evaluator@spcollege.edu
Please use your SPC Student email and include name, student number, course prefix and number, title, and term/year it was completed as it appears on your original transcript.

Graduation Requirements

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

- earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA in all courses completed
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- **FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

If students have not completed two consecutive years of the same foreign language in high school or 8 credits in college, students will need to complete 8 credits of foreign language **before completing the Associate in Arts (AA) and baccalaureate programs.** (Note: Some students may be able to test out of the 2 year/2 semester language requirement if fluent in a certain language; contact SPC's Testing Center for additional information).

- ***ENHANCED WORLD VIEW**

Students must demonstrate competency through successful completion of an approved Enhanced World View course. The Enhanced World View Requirement is **waived by a prior regionally accredited AA or higher degree.** Any college-level foreign language course, excluding American Sign Language, will meet this requirement. The following courses may satisfy both the General Education Humanities & Fine Arts Core and Enhanced World View course requirements:

HUM 1020 Introduction to Humanities	3 credits
ARH 1000 Understanding Art	3 credits
MUL 1010 Music Appreciation	3 credits

- ****CIVIC LITERACY**

The Civic Literacy Requirement **is not waived** by a prior AA or higher degree. Prior to the award of a degree, current SPC students must demonstrate competency through successful completion of **one of the following Civic Literacy courses and a 60% passing score on the Florida Civic Literacy Examination (FCLE)/Assessment:**

POS 2041 American National Government	3 credits	
AMH 2020 History of the United States II	3 credits	
AMH 2010 History of the United States I	3 credits	<i>(if completed Fall 2024, and thereafter)</i>

The following are alternatives to the Civic Literacy course and FCLE requirements. **The following AP and CLEP scores may satisfy both the Civic Literacy Course and Exam/Assessment requirements:**

AP Government and Politics: United States	Score: 3
AP United States History	Score: 4
CLEP: American Government	Score: 50
CLEP: History of the United States I	Score: 50

Please view additional details in SPC's Program of Study for the [Associate in Arts \(GEN-AA\)](#) degree program and [FCLE](#) webpage.

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Please note, all information in this guide is subject to change.

* Additional general education coursework maybe required to complete the degree.

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