

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

Term	**Applications Accepted	Application Review	Student Notified By MYSPC e-mail
Summer: May	Nov 1 - Jan 15	Jan 16 - Feb 28	March 1

HEC Requirements

- Complete the [St. Petersburg College Admission Application](#) and pay the non-refundable fee.
***Note to Returning Students** If you have not enrolled in courses in the six previous semesters, you will need to complete the online [Readmission Application in MySPC](#). You will be asked if you want to complete the readmission process when you log in to MySPC. Failure to do so will prohibit or delay your course enrollment.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 2.0 GPA.

Program Requirements

- 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 observation, volunteer service or work experience in dentistry. Please collect the following information while completing your observation hours.
 - **Name of Facility**
 - **Date**
 - **Time Spent**
 - **Name of Health Provider**
 - **Providers License #**

The Health program application will provide you the opportunity to input this required information as you complete the application.
- Submit the Health Programs Application by going to <https://web.spcollege.edu/hec/application/apply>

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

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 will be considered using a point system based on health program GPA, pre-entry, general education and support coursework completed, according to the following:

- **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.
- **All application requirements must be satisfied by the close of the application window.**

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

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 Letter 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)
- Provide documentation of required immunizations and test results for infectious diseases by the first day of class of your first term.
- Provide documentation of valid and current American Heart Association CPR certification.
- Complete the Health Education Program orientation. (Date provided in Admission E-Mail)

Program Admission Statistics

On average, approximately 120 students apply for admissions each application period. Of these, typically 30 are accepted. 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.

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.

Schedule

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. three to four days a week (mandatory late afternoon sessions until 7:30 p.m. certain semesters).

Estimated Costs

*1Tuition	**Physical & Immunizations	Drug & Background Check	Uniforms, Special Equipment Lab Fees & Other Costs	Textbooks	State Exam & License Fees	Total
\$6,482	\$300	\$150	\$6,000	\$3,600	\$2070	\$18,602

*[Tuition](#) 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 727-341-3721 or <http://go.spcollege.edu/Accessibility/> even if you are registered with another campus.

Ensuring Course Requirements are Satisfied

*It is the student's responsibility to make sure transfer coursework meets the course requirements for SPC.

Courses that transfer in as "Elective" 1999, 2999, 3999 or 4999 prefix do not satisfy requirements. The student may request Alternate Satisfaction for the specific course to see if the course will meet the specific requirements.

Ex: If speech transfers in as: SPC 1999 it does not meet the requirement for speech. If an alternate satisfaction is requested and approved the speech requirement would be met.

To initiate the alternate satisfaction request/review process:



Before you begin filling out this form, be sure to have the following available to upload:

- 1 - The syllabus of the course you wish to use to satisfy an SPC course (PDF or Word formats only).
- 2 - If the course was completed at another institution, an unofficial or official transcript (PDF or Word formats only).

Complete the Alternative Satisfaction Survey, which is now active at: <https://web.spcollege.edu/survey/21215>

Evaluating/Posting Transfer Credit to Your SPC Records

Direct questions regarding transfer credit evaluation to transcript.evaluator@spcollege.edu

****Students need to send an email from their SPC email address and include the following information when contacting Central Records:**

Student Name and SPC Student ID Number

Course prefix, number, title and term/year completed as it appears on student's original transcript

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						
Speech Communication	3						
**Humanities/Fine Arts Approved Course	3						
Mathematics - One college level course	3						
PHI 1600 – Applied Ethics or (PHI 1602H)	3						
Computer/Information Literacy Competency Requirement (Not calculated into GPA)	1						
CREDIT HOUR TOTALS	31						
GPA CALCULATOR (Program GPA multiplied by 10 = GPA Points) 4.0 GPA x 10 = 40							
MAXIMUM POINT TOTAL = (CREDIT POINTS + GPA POINTS) = TOTAL POINTS							
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**Please note that you will need to satisfy the World View Requirement for graduation purposes.

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St. Petersburg College
Dental Hygiene
Experience/Observation Record
Minimum 4 Hours

*****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.

I. Observation

Facility	Date/time spent	Name of Health Provider	License number
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

II. Work experience (volunteer)

Facility	Date/time spent	Name of Health Provider	License number
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

III. Work experience (paid employment)

Facility	Date/time spent	Name of Health Provider	License number
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

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.