Dental Hygiene A.S. Degree - Local GE

This program map represents one possible path for completing this program. **Please see a counselor** to create an educational plan that is customized to meet your needs. This path is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Catalog: 2026-27

Total Units: 96.5-98.5

First Year

Semester 1 (Fall)

14-15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
PreReq	ENGL C1000* / 488H / ESLW 340	Academic Reading and Writing	3-4	SCC Local Area L1A
PreReq	CHEM 309+ / 305+	Integrated General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry	5	SCC Local Area L5
PreReq	PSYC C1000	Introduction to Psychology	3	SCC Local Area L4
PreReq	ETHNS 300***	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3	SCC Local Area L6

*If you don't place directly in ENGL C1000 (check your eServices account), you will need to take ENGL 80/ENGL C1000 combo course.

+Prerequisite for ENGL 488: ESL 325 with a grade of "C" or better, or placement through the assessment process

+Prerequisite for ESLW 340: ESL 325 with a grade of "C" or better; or, for students not previously enrolled in ESL writing courses within the Los Rios district, placement through the Los Rios assessment process

Major Elective: CHEM 309 **OR (CHEM 305 & 306)

+Prerequisite for CHEM 305 & 309: Elementary Algebra or equivalent (Integrated Math 1) with a grade of "C-" or better.

***Any course that meets the Ethnic Studies general education meets this enrollment eligibility criteria.

Semester 2 (Spring)

14-15 Units

Legend

- **(H)** - Honors
- **Elec** - Elective
- **GE** - General Education
- **Maj** - Required Core
- **ME** - Major Elective

Disclaimer

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THIS MAP IS CREATED BASED ON CATALOG REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY. MANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM HAVE PREREQUISITES AND MAY TAKE LONGER TO COMPLETE THAN THE SEQUENCE OF THIS MAP. *STUDENTS USING FINANCIAL AID MUST CLAIM PRE-HEALTH OCCUPATIONS AS THEIR MAJOR UNTIL ACCEPTED INTO THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM.* PLEASE SEE AN SCC COUNSELOR.

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
PreReq	NUTRI 300 / 480 H	Nutrition	3	
PreReq	STAT C1000 * / C1000H / MATH 300	Introduction to Statistics	3-4	SCC Local Area L2
PreReq	BIOL 430 +	Anatomy and Physiology	5	
PreReq	SOC 300	Introduction to Sociology	3	

*If you don't place directly in STAT C1000 or MATH 300 (check your eServices account), you will need to take STAT 10/STAT C1000 or MATHS 95/MATH 300 combo course. STAT C1000, STAT C1000H, MATH 300 or higher meets this enrollment eligibility requirement.

+Prerequisite for BIOL 430: Completion of CHEM 305, 309 or 400 with a grade of "C" or better

Second Year

Semester 3 (Fall)

11 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
PreReq	COMM C1000 / 331 + / 481 H+	Introduction to Public Speaking	3	SCC Local Area L1B
PreReq	BIOL 431 +	Anatomy and Physiology	5	
GE		Arts and Humanities	3	SCC Local Area L3

+Prerequisite for COMM 331: ENGL 488, ENGL C1000, or ESLW 340 with a grade of "C" or better

+Prerequisite for COMM 481H: ENGL C1000 or ESLW 340 with a grade of "C" or better; or concurrent enrollment

+Prerequisite for BIOL 431: Completion of CHEM 305, 309 or 400 and BIOL 430 with grades of "C" or better

Semester 4 (Spring)

9 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
PreReq	BIOL 440 +	General Microbiology	4	

AA/AS Requirements

Associate Degrees require the following:

1. **Completion of a minimum of 60 degree-applicable units with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 ("C" average). A minimum of 12 units must be completed within the Los Rios Community College District.**
2. **Completion of each required course with a grade of "C" or better for a major offered at Sacramento City College.**
3. **Completion of Sacramento City College's local AA/AS general education requirements – Area L1A and L1B; Area L2; Area L3; Area L4; Area L5; and Area L6 – with an overall 2.0 GPA.**

Students with Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate Credit (IB) test scores should notify their Counselor to learn more about how test scores may be used for credit.

Exception: Students who possess a bachelor's (BA/BS) or higher degree from a college or university accredited through a regional accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) are deemed to have satisfied both the general education and graduation competency requirements for an AA/AS degree. Degrees from

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
PreReq	CHEM 306 *+	Introduction to Organic and Biological Chemistry	5	

+Prerequisite for BIOL 440: Completion of CHEM 305, 309 or 400 with a grade of "C" or better

*CHEM 306 is only required for students who chose to complete CHEM 305 in a previous semester. Students who completed CHEM 309 in a previous semester do not need to take this course.

+Prerequisite for CHEM 306: Completion of CHEM 305 with a grade of "C" or better

Third Year

Semester 5 (Fall)

13 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Maj	DHYG 101	Introduction to Clinical Dental Hygiene	6	
Maj	DHYG 103	Oral Histology and Embryology	1	
Maj	DHYG 104	Patient Education and Nutrition	2	
Maj	DHYG 107	Dental Morphology	1.5	
Maj	DHYG 109	Infection Control and Hazardous Materials	0.5	
Maj	DHYG 127	Dental Materials	2	

All DHYG major courses have an enrollment limitation requiring acceptance into the dental hygiene program.

Semester 6 (Spring)

13 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Maj	DHYG 111 +	Clinical Dental Hygiene I	4	
Maj	DHYG 112 +	Periodontics I	2	
Maj	DHYG 113 +	Head and Neck Anatomy	2	
Maj	DHYG 117 +	Dental Radiology	3	
Maj	DHYG 129 +	Dental Anesthesia	2	

+Prerequisite for DHYG 111: DHYG 103 and 107 with grades of "C" or better

+Prerequisite for DHYG 112, 113 & 117: DHYG 101, 103, 104, 107, and 109 with grades of "C" or better

accredited institutions outside of the US will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Placement Information

Check your eServices account under "Academic Records" to determine your Math and English placements.

Important Links

- SCC General Counseling
- Dental Hygiene
- Health & Health Profession Meta Majors

+Prerequisite for DHYG 129: DHYG 101 with a grade of "C" or better

Summer Session

2 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Maj	DHYG 121	Clinical Dental Hygiene II	2	

+Prerequisite for DHYG 121: DHYG 111, 112, 113, 117, and 129 with grades of "C" or better

Fourth Year

Semester 7 (Fall)

12 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Maj	DHYG 131+	Clinical Dental Hygiene III	4.5	
Maj	DHYG 134+	Community Dental Health	2	
Maj	DHYG 135+	Clinic Seminar	1.5	
Maj	DHYG 138+	Oral Pathology	2	
Maj	DHYG 139+	Pharmacology	2	

+Prerequisite for DHYG 131: DHYG 121 and 129 with grades of "C" or better

+Prerequisite for DHYG 134, 135, 138 & 139: Completion of DHYG 121 and 127 with grades of "C" or better

Semester 8 (Spring)

8.5 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Maj	DHYG 132+	Periodontics II	1	
Maj	DHYG 141+	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	4.5	
Maj	DHYG 145+	Clinic Seminar II	1	
Maj	DHYG 149+	Ethics, Jurisprudence and Dental Hygiene Practice	2	

+Prerequisite for DHYG 132: DHYG 127, 129, and 131 with grades of "C" or better

+Prerequisite for DHYG 141, 145 & 149: Completion of DHYG 131, 132, 134, 135, 138 and 139 with grades of "C" or better

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