

**Application Information Packet
Johnson County Community College**

Dental Hygiene Program

2025 Application Cycle

**DEADLINE FOR ONLINE APPLICATION IS
DECEMBER 1ST
FALL 2024 TRANSCRIPTS AND ATDH SCORES
(AND RETAKE SCORES) ARE DUE
December 1, 2024 (BY 5:00 PM).**

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COMPLETELY AND RETAIN A COPY FOR FUTURE
REFERENCE

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Selective admission departments adhere to admission policies as outlined in the college catalog.

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Johnson County Community College selects a maximum of twenty (20) individuals for the Dental Hygiene Program each year. New students entering the department will begin their studies during the fall semester only.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ONLINE APPLICATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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I. OVERVIEW OF THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

A. Dental Hygiene Scope of Practice

The practice of dental hygiene varies from state to state. The JCCC program complies with the practice of dental hygiene in the state of Kansas. The scope of practice for the state of Kansas includes providing the following:

- educational, preventive, and therapeutic procedures to patients including:
- removal of extraneous deposits, stains and debris from the teeth
- scaling of teeth and polishing of teeth
- placement of dental sealants
- local anesthesia and nitrous oxide analgesia under direct supervision of a dentist.

B. Program Goals – The goals of the Dental Hygiene Program are to:

- Provide education in the ethical, legal, and evidence-based practice of dental hygiene which meets the diverse needs of the students and the greater community.
- Advance student growth and career readiness through state-of-the-art clinic and classroom instructional technology and resources.
- Promote a collaborative, diverse, equitable and inclusive environment that fosters personal and professional growth.
- Support faculty development in pedagogy, leadership, and innovation in dental hygiene education.

C. Employment Statistics and Opportunities for the Dental Hygienist

The US Department of labor indicates the dental hygiene profession is one of the fastest growing healthcare occupations. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 19 percent growth rate which is more than double the national average by 2026. The average salary is \$76,000 each year. Multiple career options are available to the dental hygienist including private practice, community centers, prison facilities, federally qualified health centers (FQHC), and hospitals. Other employment includes corporate sales, product research, corporate educator, government or nonprofit organizations as well as health departments and teaching. There are opportunities to advance your degree by complete a bachelors and/or master's degree at several surrounding institutions and across the United States.

II. STEPS FOR ADMISSION TO THE DENTAL HYGIENE DEPARTMENT

A. Meet with a JCCC Dental Hygiene Counselor

Prospective applicants **must meet with a JCCC counselor** to discuss the selective admission process and review their pre-requisite coursework prior to application for admission to the dental hygiene program. Students must meet with a counselor within the same year they are applying to the dental hygiene program. Attendance at a dental hygiene **information session** is strongly encouraged but **will not take the place of a formal appointment with a counselor**. To schedule an appointment with a counselor, the counseling office can be reached in the Student Center, 2nd floor, 913-469-3809. When making an appointment, please ask to meet with a **counselor from the “healthcare/dental hygiene cluster”**. **Information sessions can be found at here** <https://www.jccc.edu/academics/credit/dental-hygiene/dhyg-info-sessions.html>

B. JCCC GENERAL COLLEGE APPLICATION

If you have not already applied and been accepted to JCCC and/or wish to enroll in classes prior to application to the dental hygiene program, you must complete a general application to the college first. This can be done **Online**.

C. JCCC DENTAL HYGIENE ONLINE APPLICATION

To be **considered** for admission to the Johnson County Community College Dental Hygiene Program, the **ONLINE** Dental Hygiene application must be submitted on or before December 1, 2024. Transcripts and ATDH scores must be submitted **on or before December 1, 2024**. (If you wish to enroll in classes at JCCC prior to official acceptance into the program, a general application must be completed.) **Please note: fall, 2024 transcripts and final grades from other institutions must be received by January 15, 2025.**

D. MINIMUM GPA REQUIREMENT

Applicants must have a **minimum overall GPA of 3.0** to apply to the dental hygiene program.

E. COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS

All applicants **MUST meet with a JCCC academic counselor** to review your transcripts prior to application to make sure you are taking the correct courses especially if you are transferring from another institution. Many students take courses at other colleges prior to applying to the JCCC dental hygiene program. The Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) has approved a system wide transfer for courses taken at any Kansas public university, community college, or technical college that will be able to transfer the course to any Kansas public postsecondary institution offering an equivalent course.

You **must** contact **all other institutions other than JCCC** and request an **official** transcript be sent directly to **JCCC Selective Admissions** as soon as possible. (**All transcripts must be received by the January 15, 2025, deadline**).

Note: Additional Transcript Information

- Applicant is responsible for notifying each institution to forward official transcripts to JCCC. (Transcripts from other institutions will be released to JCCC only upon request of the applicant. Faxed or hand-carried copies will not be accepted.)
- If course work has been completed at JCCC, a copy of your transcript will be placed in your file.
- Transcript information and/or course equivalencies will not be discussed over the telephone or prior to the submission of the Dental Hygiene application.
- Applicants can check their academic record by logging into their MyJCCC account, selecting My Records tab and clicking on “View Unofficial Transcripts”.

F. HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT OR GED SCORES

- High school transcripts/GED may be required. Students must possess a high school diploma or GED equivalent.

G. FOREIGN TRANSCRIPTS

Please visit the International and Immigrant Student Services office for complete information. The website can be found at <http://www.jccc.edu/admissions/international/admission/transfer-credit.html>

H. OFFICIAL ATDH Scores

Official **ATDH scores** are required of **all** applicants, including those with degrees. The scores are considered one part of the selection process and, as such, this requirement cannot be waived. Send your official ATDH score report to the JCCC Testing Center. **The JCCC school code is 1425.**

The Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH) is an exam designed for Dental Hygiene readiness and preparedness. The exam covers English language skills, math skills, spatial relationship ability and basic science skills. Registration for the ATDH exam is now open year-round. Candidates can visit www.ada.org/atdh and apply to take the examination. [Please review the ATDH Guide \(PDF\) on our website](#). The Guide will provide all the information that candidates will need to register and prepare for the exam (e.g., information about testing dates, exam cost, Prometric testing centers).

A set of free practice questions are available on the ATDH website. We encourage you to review these questions and practice prior to taking the exam.

The ATDH exam covers sections including (1) Reading Comprehension, (2) Language Usage, (3) Quantitative Reasoning, (4) Perceptual Ability, (5) Biology, and (6) General Chemistry. Students will also receive an **Overall Score**. Scores range from 200 to 500. **Applicants for the Johnson County Community College Dental Hygiene Program are required to have a minimum score of 350 in one of the following three categories: (1) Overall score, (2) Chemistry score, OR (3) Perceptual Ability score AND a GPA of 3.0 or better.**

Current Testing Dates:

Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH)

Effective Sept. 1, 2023, the ADA's Department of Testing Services (DTS) implemented **year-round testing for the ATDH Program**. This change provides candidates and dental hygiene programs with additional flexibility. Under year-round testing, a candidate will be permitted to attempt the ATDH on any day of the year for which they can secure a testing appointment, provided they meet established ATDH eligibility criteria. **Candidates are required to wait 60 days between testing attempts on the ATDH.**

Please note: ATDH may have additional dates to take the exam, however, **the last date that we will accept scores is by December 1, 2024. Therefore, the last date to take the exam is October 31, 2024.**

LETTERS OF REFERENCE

We do not require or consider letters of reference in the selection process.

I. RESIDENCY INFORMATION

Students who enroll at JCCC who have not been residents of Johnson County for six (6) months prior to the start of any semester or session are required to pay higher tuition. Check with the Admissions Office for complete information about residency requirements and tuition costs.

J. ASSISTANCE WITH THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

1. All applicants **must** meet with a JCCC counselor to discuss the selective admission process and review pre-requisite coursework prior to application for admission to the dental hygiene program. A JCCC counselor can be reached in the Student Center, 2nd floor, 913-469-3809. Options such as retesting, repeating courses and academic renewal may be explored.
2. Johnson County Community College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; therefore, we accept a majority of credits from other regionally accredited institutions. It is your responsibility to check with the JCCC Admissions Office to ensure the transferability of courses.
3. Academic renewal refers to the opportunity for a fresh start at the undergraduate level at JCCC. Sometimes a prior academic record presents a major obstacle to a student's overall GPA and overall success. Students may apply for academic renewal by submitting a written application according to the specific guidelines.

JCCC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

If you are enrolling in your **first college-level English class**, you are required to take the corresponding assessment test(s). For information about these tests, contact Testing Services, SC 334, 913-469-4439.

K. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Information about employment trends for dental hygienists may be obtained from the Dental Hygiene Department (www.jccc.edu/dentalthygiene) or Career Development Center, 2nd floor, Student Center.

III. SELECTIVE ADMISSION PROCESS FOR THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

A. VERIFICATION OF MATERIALS RECEIVED

The Dental Hygiene application is the pivotal document in creating your file. Please submit all necessary materials as soon as possible after completing the **ONLINE application**. The application **deadline is December 1, 2024**. **ATDH results** are due no later than **December 1, 2024**. Transcripts and/or final grades in fall semester courses are not required prior to the submission of the application. However, **these documents are required for final completion of your admission application and due no later than January 15, 2025, to be qualified.**

Application materials are reviewed in the order in which they are received. The Selective Admission Office will notify you via email regarding the current status of your file. Due to the large number of applications received each year (approximately 150), file status **will not** be discussed over the telephone. It is very important to **APPLY EARLY**. If you wait until a few days before the deadline date to apply, notification indicating the complete/incomplete status of your file will be delayed and you may not meet admission requirements.

An academic evaluation/ranking will not occur until mid-**February 2025**. This allows time for the posting of fall 2024 grades and the receipt of transcripts. **To be eligible for the academic**

evaluation, all transcripts and fall course grade transcripts must have been received by the January 15, 2025, deadline date.

B. RANKING FOR INTERVIEWS

Applicants who successfully meet the academic criteria may qualify for an interview based on the competition within the applicant pool. Qualified applicants will be ranked based on evaluation of the academic criteria, which includes the cumulative GPA and the ATDH score results. The college reserves the right to limit the number of applicants interviewed.

Applicants will be **notified** by the students **JCCC stumail** regarding eligibility for an interview. Interview appointments are scheduled in late March to early April.

The interview process will involve review of academic preparation (ATDH scores, GPA, college course work completed toward the degree requirements), related work experience and personal characteristics relevant to student success in the program. Some of these may include:

- Manual dexterity, and tactile sensitivity.
- Ability to work in proximity with people of all ages and backgrounds.
- Ability to achieve success in a science-based curriculum and proficiency in oral and written communications.
- Ability to handle the heavy time commitment of full-time coursework during the day and its associated homework in the evenings and weekends
- Time management skills

Note: Cumulative GPA includes all prior college course work including transfer and JCCC hours.

C. OBSERVATION OF A DENTAL HYGIENIST

Candidates selected for an interview for the Dental Hygiene Program must complete a minimum of **eight (8) hours** of observation of a clinical dental hygienist. It is strongly encouraged to shadow in a variety of practices to gain a broad perspective of the dental hygiene profession. During these observations, confidentiality and privacy of personal information must be maintained. Please use the form found on the website "Observations of a Dental Hygienist" to document your shadowing experiences. *****Turn this form in at the interview.**

Please Note: Students reapplying to the dental hygiene program and are offered an interview, **MUST** complete new shadowing hours, and submit these at the interview.

D. FINAL SELECTIONS

Final selections are based upon a competitive process which ranks the applicants interviewed. Final rankings will reflect the consensus of the interview committee. All applicants interviewed will be notified by their JCCC Stumail, as to whether they will be offered a position in the program.

E. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

Those applicants ranking high enough to be accepted will be given five business days to accept their position. To acknowledge acceptance, the applicant will be required to return the "**Intention to Accept/Deny**" form along with a \$125.00 tuition deposit within five business days from receipt of the acceptance letter. If any of the first group do not accept, the vacancy created prior to the beginning of classes will be offered to the next highest-ranking person. Final acceptance to the program will be contingent upon satisfactorily meeting the health requirements (all necessary

immunizations including the COVID vaccine, background check requirements and CPR certification, and completing all prerequisite courses with a minimum GPA of 2.0. A 100% refund of the \$125.00 tuition deposit will be granted to the accepted students only if written notification declining the offer of admission is received in the Dental Hygiene Department by **June 1**. **No refunds will be given after June 1.**

F. QUESTIONS

All questions concerning the admissions process should be directed to **Teresa Leland** in the **Admissions Office- Selective Admissions** at 913-469-3438. If you have questions concerning the Dental Hygiene Program, please call 913-469-8500, ext. 3539.

IF SELECTED INTO THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

IV. DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A. BACKGROUND CHECKS

Clinical agencies affiliated with the Dental Hygiene Program and state licensing applications require a criminal background check and a security fingerprint check. Additional requirements and/or disclosures may become necessary while enrolled in the program. Any fees associated with these mandates will be the student's responsibility.

B. HEALTH RECORDS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

All students must have a completed Health Record and Physical Examination form on file prior to entering the clinical setting. It is the student's responsibility to keep up-to-date immunizations and meet the health record requirements. Annual TB skin tests are required as well as specific immunizations or demonstrated immunity for Measles, Mumps, Rubella; Tetanus, Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap); Varicella Zoster Virus (Chicken Pox). Verification of the **Hepatitis B Vaccine series and immunity is also required**. A yearly flu vaccine is also required. **Students who do not comply with the immunizations will not be admitted to the program**. Health restrictions which prohibit student performance of total patient care may prevent admission to or completion of the program. Verification of all health record information and immunizations will be due no later than **July 1**.

C. BLOODBORNE & INFECTION CONTROL POLICY:

It is the responsibility of all health care workers (HCW) who perform exposure-prone procedures to know their bloodborne pathogen status, specifically related to Hepatitis B virus (HbV), Hepatitis C virus (HcV) and the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Further, it is the responsibility of the student who tests positive for HIV or HbV or HcV to report test results to the program director and the chair of the Risk Management Committee at Johnson County Community College. An expert review panel will review the circumstances, if any, under which the individual may continue to perform exposure-prone procedures. Students entering any healthcare program should be aware that they will be in close contact with individuals having a variety of health problems in which the etiology (cause) may or may not be known. The healthcare programs have specific precautionary requirements based on the type of exposure and/or clinical agency policies. It is the responsibility of each student to know and follow the program guidelines for necessary precautions against contracting and transmitting disease. The Johnson County Community College Dental Hygiene Program strives to provide a safe environment for our students, faculty and staff, as well as our patients, in accordance with OSHA standards and sound biological principles. A reasonable but effective infection control model aids in the education and understanding of infection control issues that are in accordance with the recommended guidelines of the American Dental Association (ADA), the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Organization for Safety and Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP). JCCC complies with

the standards published by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Standard precautions will be followed during the treatment of all patients. Standard precautions treat blood and any other bodily fluids, except sweat, from all patients as potentially infectious.

D. CPR CERTIFICATION

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Health Care Provider certification is required by the program prior to the fall semester. (This is NOT required at the time of application.) A course for dental hygiene students is held each summer, prior to the first day of the fall semester. Both American Red Cross and American Heart Association Health Care Provider certification will fulfill this requirement as long as both one and two rescuer procedures, obstructed airway procedures for infant, child and adult, and AED are completed.

V. **DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

Requirements for the Associate of Applied Science Degree in the Dental Hygiene Program include the successful completion of the program curriculum as specified in the Promotion Policy. In addition, the candidate must successfully fulfill the requirements of the Program Plan which he/she and the director of the Dental Hygiene Department have agreed upon. **Note:** Any modifications in individual program curriculum plans must be approved by the Director of the Dental Hygiene Department. The sequence and course content of the curriculum (see below) have been accredited by the American Dental Association’s Commission on Dental Accreditation. Upon successful completion of the curriculum, the student will be eligible to take both the National Board Examination and the state/regional licensing examinations to become a registered dental hygienist. The curriculum fulfills the requirements for an Associate of Applied Science Degree and is subject to change due to state and/or college policies.

DENTAL HYGIENE DEPARTMENT CURRICULUM

Note: Science course work may not be older than 5 years (prior to fall 2018)

| (Prerequisites to be completed before beginning clinical courses) | | Credit Hours |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| CHEM 122 | Principles of Chemistry | 5 |
| BIOL 230*/231 | Microbiology/Lab..... | 5 |
| BIOL 140 | Human Anatomy | 4 |
| BIOL 225** | Human Physiology..... | 4 |
| PSYC 130 | Introduction to Psychology..... | 3 |
| ENGL 121 [†] | Composition I | 3 |
| TOTAL HOURS..... | | 24 |

* Prerequisite: CHEM 122 or CHEM 124/125

** Prerequisite: Either BIOL 140 or BIOL 144 and Co- or Prerequisite: either CHEM 122 or CHEM 124/125

[†]Assessment test required. **Note:** At least **two (2)** of the science prerequisite courses (CHEM 122; BIOL 140; BIOL 230 & 231; BIOL 225) and a **second prerequisite course** (such as ENGL 121; PSYC 130) **must be completed by the end of the Fall 2023 Semester. All 6 of the above pre-requisites be completed prior to entry into the dental hygiene program.**

First Semester

| | | |
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| DHYG 121 | Clinical Dental Hygiene I: Preclinic..... | 5 |
| DHYG 125 | Developmental Dentistry..... | 2 |
| DHYG 142 | Dental Radiology | 2 |
| DHYG 138 | Head and Neck Anatomy..... | 2 |
| SOC 122 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |

TOTAL HOURS..... 14

**** Please note that if Sociology is already complete, credit hours for fall is 11. This will affect the % of financial aid award for that semester.**

Second Semester

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|------------------|---------------------------------|----|
| DHYG 140 | Clinical Dental Hygiene II..... | 4 |
| DHYG 135 | Dental Materials..... | 2 |
| DHYG 146 | Periodontics | 3 |
| DHYG 148 | Dental Health Education..... | 2 |
| TOTAL HOURS..... | | 11 |

**** Please note the number of credit hours for spring is 11. This will affect the % of financial aid award for that semester.**

Summer

| | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| BIOL 235*** | The Science of Human Nutrition..... | 3 |
| Humanities elective (from approved list online)..... | | 3 |
| TOTAL HOURS..... | | 6 |

***** Co- or Prerequisite: BIOL 225**

Third Semester

| | | |
|------------------|--|----|
| DHYG 221 | Clinical Dental Hygiene III..... | 6 |
| DHYG 225 | Pathology | 3 |
| DHYG 232 | Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist..... | 2 |
| DHYG 234 | Local Anesthesia..... | 1 |
| TOTAL HOURS..... | | 12 |

Fourth Semester

| | | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|----|
| DHYG 240 | Dental Public Health..... | 2 |
| DHYG 250 | Clinical Dental Hygiene IV | 6 |
| COM 120 | Interpersonal Communication..... | 3 |
| or | | |
| COM 121 | Public Speaking | 3 |
| or | | |
| COM 125 | Personal Communication..... | 3 |
| DHYG 245 | Nitrous Oxide Analgesia..... | 1 |
| TOTAL HOURS..... | | 12 |

TOTAL DEPARTMENT CREDIT HOURS..... 79

**** Please note that if the COMS course is already complete, credit hours for second semester, spring is 9. This will affect the % of financial aid award for that semester.**

Students are encouraged to take Learning Strategies courses, which have been designed to help you become more effective and efficient learners. These courses teach thinking, learning and self-management strategies necessary for success at the college level. Learning Strategies course offerings are listed in the college catalog.

Courses which focus on diversity in society will also benefit students entering health care professions. Examples of these are: COM 180 Intercultural Communications, ANTH 125 Cultural Anthropology, ANTH 130 World Cultures, and REL 120 Exploring World Religions. (Note: REL 120 World Religions will fulfill the requirements for the Humanities elective.) Additional cultural diversity courses are listed in the college catalog.

VI. DENTAL HYGIENE DEPARTMENT COSTS (Approximate)

In addition to the tuition expenses (Johnson County resident, \$97.00 per credit hour; Kansas resident [non-Johnson County], \$116.00 per credit hour; Metro Rate (zip code 640 or 641), \$143.00 per credit hour; non-resident (out of state), \$228.00 per credit hour—**subject to change as tuition rates do change each year) without notice**), the dental hygiene student will also be responsible for the following **approximate expenses:**

