Dental Hygiene
A.A.S. Degree
This program prepares students for careers in dental hygiene. Those who desire part-time college enrollment may enroll only in the general education courses prior to applying for entry into the dental hygiene program.

I. General Education Core 19 credits
Area A: Communication 6
ENG 101 Composition I - with a grade of C or better 3
COMM 101 Principles of Communication 3

Area B: Humanities 3
Select one course from the IAI courses listed for Area B

Area C: Mathematics (demonstrated competence required) 4
Placement into MATH 095 or completion of MATH 090 - with a grade of C or better
CHEM 105 Survey of General Chemistry 4

Area D: Physical and Life Sciences 6
PSYCH 101 Introduction to Psychology 3
SOCIO 101 Introduction to Sociology 3

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences 6

II. Program Requirements 64 credits
BIOL 211 Microbiology 4
BIOL 221 Human Anatomy and Physiology I 4
BIOL 222 Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4
DH 101 Histology 2
DH 103 Head & Neck Anatomy and Tooth Morphology 5
DH 104 Dental Radiology 4
DH 105 Nutrition 2
DH 106 General and Oral Pathology 2
DH 107 Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene 2
DH 108 Clinical Dental Hygiene I 4
DH 109 Clinical Dental Hygiene II 4
DH 116 Periodontology 2
DH 120 Care of Special Populations 2
DH 201 Clinical Dental Hygiene III 3
DH 202 Clinical Dental Hygiene IV 5
DH 203 Clinical Dental Hygiene V 5
DH 204 Ethics, Law and Administration 2
DH 205 Pharmacology 2
DH 207 The Science and Application of Dental Material 4
DH 220 Community Dental Health 2

Program Total: 83 credits
The dental hygiene program combines courses in general education, basic science, dental science, and clinical science with learning experiences in the Dental Hygiene Clinic. Courses must be completed in sequence.

PSC’s dental hygiene program is taught by full-time, licensed dental hygienists and two licensed dentists. In addition, there are adjunct faculty made up of both hygienists and dentists, many of whom are working in the community.

ABOUT THE CURRICULUM

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, employment of dental hygienists is expected to grow by 38 percent from 2010 to 2020, much faster than the average for all occupations. Ongoing research linking oral health and general health will continue to spur the demand for preventative dental services, which are often provided by dental hygienists.
Financial Aid Information
PSC’s tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available through a variety of sources. Additional information at prairiestate.edu/finaid.

How to Apply
1. **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
   - The school code for PSC is 001640. Apply online at fafsa.gov.

2. **Notification from Department of Education**
   - If you listed PSC’s school code in your FAFSA, the college’s Financial Aid Office will receive your report in approximately 14 days.

3. **Notification from PSC**
   - Once PSC receives your FAFSA from the Department of Education, a letter is mailed to the student indicating needed documents.

4. **Complete the PSC financial aid application.**

5. **Determination Letter**
   - Once all documents are completed, an award or ineligible letter is issued.

**PSC Financial Aid Opportunities:**
- PSC Board of Trustees Scholarships cover tuition and fees for two years.
- The PSC Foundation awards more than $75,000 in scholarships annually.

For more information about how to obtain financial aid, contact the PSC Financial Aid Office at (708) 709-3735 or visit prairiestate.edu/apply-reg-pay/financial-aid.

Gainful Employment Disclosure
The U.S. Department of Education requires colleges with financial aid eligible programs that “prepares students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation” to disclose certain information about these programs. For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who have completed the program, and other important information related to the program, please visit our website at prairiestate.edu/ge. We hope that this information is helpful in making informed choices about your education.

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