

## **SFCC Dental Hygiene Program Frequently Asked Questions**

1. **How long is the program?**

The program is 5 semesters (approx. 21 months, including the summer) and begins in the fall.

2. **What if I do not get accepted?**

The program is competitive and unfortunately, not all who are qualified are guaranteed acceptance. If you are not accepted, you have several options. You may choose to continue taking courses towards your AA degree and reapply to the program the following year. Your navigator may help you decide which route might be best for you.

3. **Does A+ pay for a Health Science program?**

The A+ scholarship can be applied to a Health Science degree such as DH. It may not cover the entire cost of program requirements but does typically cover the majority of tuition.

4. **What is an MMI?**

MMI stands for Multiple Mini Interviews; an interview format consists of several short independent assessments that are timed and done in a rotation. All applicants who meet the requirements for admission are invited to participate in the MMI's. Invitations are sent via student email by the first business day of April. Participation in MMI's is mandatory for admission.

5. **What is the average salary and placement?**

The average salary for a dental hygienist is 60,004-79,578\$, in the United States. Salaries vary and students are encouraged to research the current rates for the area in which they are seeking employment. Most of the SFCC graduates have positions secured prior to graduation.

6. **How many semesters does it take to complete the pre-requisites?**

Four science courses and one math course are the prerequisites for the program. These could be completed in as little as 2 semesters. There are additional general education courses that are required for graduation. These may be taken prior to or during the program. Because of the intensity of the program, it is recommended that the required general education course be completed prior to beginning the program.

7. **Are there scholarships available for these programs?**

Many scholarships at SFCC go unclaimed each year. Talk with the financial aid office or your navigator for more information regarding scholarship opportunities.

8. [What score do I need on my ATI TEAS exam?](#)

Currently there is no minimum score required for the TEAS exam. However, the TEAS exam is worth 100 of the 300 points assessed for admission. Therefore, the higher your score, the more points you receive.

9. [For which ATI TEAS exam do I register?](#)

Allied Health (AH)

10. [What happens if I do not get the minimum grade requirement on a course?](#)

You will need to repeat the course in order to be eligible for admission.

11. [Is the program \(RT, DMS, and DH\) online, on-ground, at Sedalia campus?](#)

The dental hygiene program at SFCC is on-ground. Unlike other programs where students are sent to clinical sites, we have a fully functioning clinic onsite that is open to the community.

12. [Do I have to travel?](#)

The only travel required for the dental hygiene program is participation in community events and for some real world experience at Katy Trail Community Health Centers, Compass Health Network, and Thompson Hills Veterinary Clinic (optional) during the second year.

13. [How many times a year do you accept applications?](#)

One cohort starts each fall with the application deadline for consideration into that class in March.

14. [How many are accepted into the program?](#)

10-12 students are accepted each year.

15. [Does it matter how many attempts I have on a pre-requisite course?](#)

Subsequent attempts do not hurt your chances of being accepted, however, your chance of being successful in the program has been shown to have a direct correlation with your academic success prior to the program.