Minimum Requirements for Admission into the SCC Dental Hygiene Program

- High school diploma or GED
- Complete online SCC program application prior to the October 1st deadline
- Completed SCC program pre-requisite courses
- Minimum 3.0 (4.0 scale) in science program pre-requisite courses*
- Minimum 2.5 in non-science program pre-requisite courses*
- Reading Competency: Completion of ENGRD 110, with a grade of “C” or better, or eligibility for ENGRD 310, as determined by the Sacramento City College reading assessment process for all applicants who do not have an AA/AS degree or higher
  - Reading Competency will no longer be an Enrolment Eligibility requirement starting 2020-2021 application period

Note: Translated foreign science courses are not accepted as equivalent.

*No C-, D or F grades are accepted*

Enrollment Eligibility:
To be eligible for enrollment in the program, the student must meet the following criteria:

Enrollment in the Dental Hygiene program is based on satisfactory completion of required courses with grades of “C” or better and submission of an application and official transcripts to the Dental Health Office. Enrollment eligibility courses include:

**Sciences:**
BIOL 430 and 431, Anatomy & Physiology; BIOL 440, General Microbiology; CHEM 305 & CHEM 306 or CHEM 309, Introduction to Chemistry, with a cumulative minimum science GPA of 3.0.

**Non-Sciences:**
NUTRI 300, Nutrition; PSYC 300, General Principles; SOC 300, Introductory Sociology; COMM 301, Introduction to Public Speaking; ENGWR 300, College Composition, and DHYG 100, Introduction to Dental Hygiene, with a cumulative minimum non-science GPA of 2.5.

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**Math:**
Completion of MATH 120 or higher, with a grade of “C” or better.
**Enrollment Eligibility Courses**

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*New prerequisite starting with the 2015-2016 application period. Curriculum change approved January 17, 2015 with notification on the Dental Hygiene Program Information webpage and in the 2015-2016 College Catalog. Notification added to this web page on 10.15.15.

**Application Process**

- Complete the online application between October 1 and April 1 to apply for the fall semester program start.
  - Upload (PDF) unofficial transcripts from all colleges attended into the online application
  - Upload (PDF) any approved Course Substitution Petition(s) with supporting catalog course description
  - Upload (PDF) proof of reading competency through the reading assessment process
    - This is not necessary for applicant has an AA/AS degree or higher or has completed ENGRD 110, with a grade of “C” or better
    - Reading Competency will no longer be an Enrolment Eligibility requirement starting 2020-2021 application period
  - Submission of one official transcript(s), from any college outside of the Los Rios District, to the SCC Admissions and Records Department prior to April 1

**Course Substitution Petitions**

- If you took a course not on the “DH Equivalency Course List” you may submit a Course Substitution Petition
  
Online Form: [https://www.scc.losrios.edu/admissionsrecords/course-substitution-petition/](https://www.scc.losrios.edu/admissionsrecords/course-substitution-petition/)
Student Selection Process

- Eligible students are selected for the program according to the following steps:
  1. All eligible candidates will be entered into a **random selection pool “Lottery”**
  2. The **first 24 eligible applications will be selected** for the program; all others are alternates and will be notified of their alternate position.
     - Eligible students that apply consecutive years retain their alternate ranking from their first application year.
     - Alternates will be notified using the email provided in their online application and have 24 hours to respond. If the alternate does not respond within the 24
hour period they will be no longer considered and the next alternate will be contacted
3. Notifications are generally sent to students within 2-6 weeks

Students accepted for enrollment into the Dental Hygiene Program will be required to provide documentation of:

• capability to perform essential job-related functions of a dental hygienist
• completed physical examination and immunizations
• TB test
• completion of criminal background check
• 8-panel drug screen test
• Castlebrach online HIPPA and OSHA Training
• SCC facilitates a required on-site CODA approved CPR course during the new student orientation the first week of June