



Associate in Science Degree in Dental Hygiene

Admission Guide

Catalog Year: 2025-2026

The Dental Hygiene Program at Valencia College is Limited-Access. This guide outlines the admissions process, including program course requirements, application requirements, and the next steps after applying. This program equips students with the skills and experience needed to succeed as a Dental Hygienist.

Admission Updates

No admission requirement updates for the 2025-2026 catalog

Application Deadline:

Application Open	Application Close	Program Start Term
January 1 st , 2026	January 31 st , 2026	Summer 2026
Admission is Once Per Year		

Dental Hygiene Location

Campus Location	Available Seats
West Campus	25

Complete Before Applying

Item	Details
Program Requirements	Confirm you meet all the program requirements outlined in this guide, including prerequisite classes, required minimum GPA, and ATI TEAS scores.
Valencia College General Admission	<p style="text-align: center;">Complete ALL the steps outlined in the Steps to Enrollment</p> <p>Applying to Valencia College (This is the General Admission Application and not the secondary Allied Health Application)</p> <p>Submit transcripts: Submit high school and college transcripts from all institutions attended. Transcripts must be posted to your Valencia record before applying. Students using AP/IB/CLEP scores for prerequisites must request official scores from collegeboard.org (AP/CLEP) or ibo.org (IB).</p> <p><i>* Transfer students who are not considered “first-time in college” do not need to submit a high school transcript.</i></p> <p>Placement Testing: Meet Valencia College entry testing requirements</p> <p>Student Success Coach: Meet with a Student Success Coach to ensure you’ve met all requirements.</p>
Confirm Eligibility	<p>You must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. Permanent Resident, or International Student.</p> <p><i>*International Students:</i> In addition to the required background check for clinical compliance (post-acceptance), a second background check from your home country is required. For concerns regarding this requirement, contact the Health Sciences Compliance Office.</p> <p><i>*Individuals with DACA, Temporary Protection Status, Refugee, or Asylee status must complete the Employment Authorization Document (EAD) before applying.</i></p>
Age Requirement	Must be 18 or older by the <u>start</u> date of all Health Sciences Programs
Allied Health Info Session	Virtual or in-person information sessions are held each term to discuss the program requirements.
Core Performance Standards	Review the Core Performance Standards Requirement
Transfer Courses	Transfer courses may need to be reviewed for potential course substitution or equivalency. This must be completed <u>before</u> submitting the program application. Transfer courses with ‘S’ or ‘P’ grades need to be reviewed for eligibility by the Health Sciences team

Program Course Requirement

The following points system is used to select eligible students. Student selection is based on the total number of points earned, overall GPA, and ATI TEAS Scores. All prerequisite courses must be completed by the application deadline with a grade of “C” or better. You may not repeat a course for grade forgiveness for which you previously earned a grade of A, B or C.

Minimum Overall GPA Requirement: 2.5

Minimum ATI TEAS Requirement: Composite Score of 58.7%

*If ATI TEAS was taken outside of the [Valencia College Assessment Center](#), you must request official exam scores from [ATI TEAS](#) and then complete the ATI [Matching Request form](#).

Program Course Prerequisites			
The following courses are required to be eligible for selection			
Course	Title	CR	Points
BSC 2085C or BSC 2093C	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	A=10, B=8, C=6
BSC 2086C or BSC 2094C	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4	A=10, B=8, C=6
MCB 2010C	Microbiology	4	A=10, B=8, C=6
Mathematics	Core Math	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
ENC 1101	Freshman Composition I	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
Additional Points – Required for Graduation			
The following courses are required for graduation. Completion of these courses with a minimum grade of C prior to the application deadline will result in additional admission points to be a competitive applicant			
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
Humanities	Core Humanities	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
POS 2041, AMH 2020, or AMH 2010 (AMH 2010 completed fall 2024 and beyond)	Civic Literacy	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
Florida Civic Literacy Exam	Earn a passing score (60%) on the	1	
Additional Points – Not Required for Graduation			
The following courses are <u>not</u> required for graduation. Completion of these courses with a minimum grade of C prior to the application deadline will result in additional admission points to be a competitive applicant.			
HSC 1004 OR SLS 1122	Introduction to Health Professions <i>OR</i> New Student Experience	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
HSC 1531	Medical Terminology	3	A=3, B=2, C=1
Alternate	Previous year applicants identified as Alternate	3	
Graduate of CODA- Accredited Dental Assisting Program.	Proof of graduation is required (Documentation must be submitted)	5	
Total Possible Points:			63

How to Apply to the Dental Hygiene Program

Steps to Apply	Description
Submit a <u>Secondary</u> Dental Hygiene <u>Application</u> .	1. Submit a General Valencia College Application. (This must be completed first. (<i>Active students <u>are not required</u> to submit a General Admission Application.</i>) 2. Submit a Dental Hygiene <u>Application</u>
Valencia Student Status	Your Valencia College Student Status must be “active” before submitting a secondary Dental Hygiene application
Log In to the Application	Use your MyVC username and password. You must complete the entire application.
Submit the Application	Pay the \$15 non-refundable application fee. The application is <u>NOT</u> complete until payment is received.

What Happens After You Apply

Application Review Process: The application reviews will occur over 4-6 weeks after the closing deadline. Admissions are based on a competitive points system.

Application Notification: Your application decision will be sent to your MyVC email. You must monitor your email for updates. You will receive one of the following responses below:

Response Type

Response Type	Description
Selected	Accepted into the Program. Must confirm acceptance
Alternate	May be offered a seat if one becomes available
Not Selected	Met program eligibility requirements, but not competitive for selection
Ineligible	Did not meet program eligibility requirements

Requirements If Selected for Admission

Mandatory Dental Hygiene Orientation: All accepted students must attend the Mandatory Dental Hygiene Orientation, which is held before the program begins.

Orientation Dates

Term Begins	Orientation Date
Summer 2026	March 2026

Clinical Compliance Requirements

Compliance requirements and deadlines will be discussed during Orientation. Students who are accepted into a Health Sciences Program must submit the items listed below:

Item	Description
Background Check	Level II Background Check
Drug Screening	10 Panel Drug Screening
Fingerprints	To ensure students meet clinical requirements
CPR Certification	American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR Certification
Required Vaccinations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COVID-19 or Exemption Form 2. Hepatitis B series or signed Declination Form 3. Influenza (Flu)* 4. MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) 5. Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) 6. Tuberculosis (TB) screening or chest X-ray* 7. Varicella (Chickenpox) or proof of immunity <p>* Required Annually</p>

Contact Information

Question	Contact
Application Questions	healthscienceapplications@valenciacollege.edu
Compliance Questions	hscompliance@valenciacollege.edu
Health Sciences Website	https://valenciacollege.edu/health
Allied Health Info Session	https://valenciacollege.edu/HealthInfoSessions
Valencia College Application	https://valenciacollege.edu/apply-credit/
Secondary Health Sciences App	https://valenciacollege.edu/apply-health
Valencia Assessment Center	https://valenciacollege.edu/teas
ATI TEAS Website	https://www.atitesting.com/teas/transcript
ATI TEAS Matching Request Form	https://forms.valenciacollege.edu/assessment-ati-score-matching-request
Equal Opportunity Institution	https://valenciacollege.edu/about/equal-opportunity-title-ix/

Estimated Program Cost

Item	Cost Range
CastleBranch	\$192.99
Uniforms	Up to \$200
Instructional Material	Up to \$800
Immunizations	Up to \$500

***Disclaimer:** Prices are subject to change. This cost does not include tuition

CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION

Dental Hygiene is a practice discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. Based on these requirements, the following list of "Core Performance Standards" has been developed. Each standard has an example of an activity, or activities, that a student will be required to perform while enrolled in the Dental Hygiene program. These standards are a part of each Dental Hygiene course and of the professional role expectation of a Dental Hygienist.

For the Dental Hygiene Program, a qualified individual with a disability is one who, with or without reasonable accommodations or modifications, meets the essential eligibility requirements for participation in the program. Valencia College: School of Health Sciences makes no preadmission inquiries concerning an applicant's disability status. Information related to an applicant's disabilities is not a part of the information reviewed by the Admission Committee.

These Performance Standards should be used to assist students in identifying the academic and clinical expectations for all students. Students needing reasonable accommodations to fulfill required program outcomes or clinical expectations are encouraged to contact the [Office for Students with Disabilities](#) to engage in an interactive process regarding their request. It is the student's responsibility to notify and register with the Office for Students with Disabilities to identify and receive reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations are effective only after engaging in this process and are not retroactive. Determination is made on an individual basis as to whether any accommodations or modifications can be reasonably made. [Valencia is an Equal Opportunity Institution.](#)

Core Performance Standards		
Criteria	Standard	Essential Abilities
Critical Thinking	Ability to make sound clinical judgments and care decisions.	Develop care plans, assess conditions, and respond appropriately in clinical situations.
Communication	Effective verbal and written communication in English.	Establish rapport, educate patients, and collaborate with colleagues.
Mobility	Physical ability to move safely within clinical environments.	Navigate treatment areas, assist patients, and perform clinical procedures.
Motor Skills	Fine and gross motor coordination to provide safe, precise care.	Use instruments, calibrate equipment, and perform procedures with steady hand-eye coordination.
Hearing & Visual	Sensory ability to observe and respond to patient needs.	Assess oral health, observe patient cues, and respond to alarms and emergencies.
Tactile	Tactile ability for assessment and clinical procedures.	Perform palpation, detect calculus, and monitor vital signs effectively.