

San Juan College Dental Hygiene Program Application 2025

Application Deadline: Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 5:00pm

Name of Applicant: _____

For Department Use Only

Date Received: _____

By: _____

Welcome

Congratulations! You have chosen to join one of the most satisfying, fastest growing and highest paying health professions! The San Juan College Dental Hygiene Program recognizes and supports the idea that Success Matters.

This application package will help you to complete all the steps necessary in the admissions process.

Read it carefully.

Applications are accepted beginning January 6, 2025. Students seeking to enter the program must complete this application and all required steps prior to the deadline of **April 3, 2025 at 5:00pm**. Admissions acceptance decisions will be finalized by early May 2025. We look forward to receiving your application!

Health Sciences Clinic Requirement Update

At the San Juan College School of Health Sciences, we are committed to the well-being of our community, including our most vulnerable populations. In order to meet clinical requirements to successfully complete our programs, proof of vaccinations, including the COVID 19 vaccination may be required.

The San Juan College Dental Hygiene Program requires all students to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B. A quantitative titer will confirm immunity and all students must show evidence of immunity before starting clinicals. This process can take up to 6 months, and should be started as soon as possible.

You may view the Programs [Bloodborne and Infectious Disease Policy](#).

If you have any questions regarding the application process, do not hesitate to contact us:

Dental Program
Phone: (505) 566-3642 / Fax: (505) 566-3652
dentalprogram@sanjuancollege.edu

Take a moment and tell us how you heard about the SJC Dental Hygiene Program.

- Internet Search
- Word of Mouth
- Dentist/Hygienist
- Brochure
- Advisor
- Other: _____

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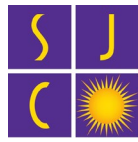
Requirement Checklist

Utilize the following checklist to ensure that you have completed all of the required steps necessary for applying to the San Juan College Dental Hygiene Program.

Initial each item upon completion.

- _____ Meet with a Dental Hygiene Program Advisor.
- _____ Meet **all** of the minimum eligibility requirements listed in the SJC Academic Catalog and also listed on our website at <https://www.sanjuancollege.edu/dental/admissions-to-dental-hygiene/>.
- _____ Apply to and be accepted to *San Juan College*.
 - This is **not** the same as applying to and being accepted to the SJC Dental Hygiene Program. To apply to San Juan College, go to <https://www.sanjuancollege.edu/apply/>. When you apply to San Juan College, be sure to select *Pre-Dental Hygiene* as your major.
- _____ Submit official college transcripts directly to San Juan College.
 - Official college transcripts for each college you have attended must be sent directly to San Juan College through an e-transcript service. E-transcripts can be sent to transcripts@sanjuancollege.edu. By sending your official transcripts, we can properly determine which of the prerequisites and general education courses you have taken will transfer. This process may take 3-4 weeks. Be sure to have your transcripts sent in **well ahead** of the application deadline.
 - If courses were completed at San Juan College, you do not need to submit official transcripts.
- _____ Complete all of your Prerequisite and General Education Courses.
 - You may have courses “in progress” at the time you apply. **All** of the prerequisite courses must either be completed or in progress at the time of application, and must be completed prior to entering the SJC Dental Hygiene Program. Utilize the *In Progress Grade Report Form* to have your Professors report your “in progress grades”. These should be sent directly to the SJC Dental Hygiene Program by your Instructor. (See Section D)
- _____ Have taken the Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH).
 - Submit ATDH scores directly to the San Juan College Registration and Records Department. ATDH scores can be sent to records@sanjuancollege.edu.
 - Include a copy of your ATDH scores with your application.
- _____ Submit a complete 2025 San Juan College Dental Hygiene Program application.
 - Sections A – I must be complete and submitted single sided.
 - Applications must be sent directly to the Dental Hygiene Program via;
 - Email: dentalprogram@sanjuancollege.edu
 - Website: <https://www.sanjuancollege.edu/dental/admissions-to-dental-hygiene/>
 - Mail: San Juan College Dental Hygiene Program
4601 College Blvd.
Farmington, NM 87402

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Section A – Personal Information

Name of Applicant	Last	M.I.	First		
San Juan College ID #					
Physical Address	Street Name & Number	APT. #	City	State	Zip Code
Mailing Address	Street Name & Number	APT. #	City	State	Zip Code
E-Mail Address					
Home Phone Number					
Work Phone Number					
Cell Phone Number					

Are you a current New Mexico resident? Yes No

Are you a current resident of any one of the following Colorado counties?
(Montezuma, Archuleta, La Plata, Dolores, or San Juan) Yes No

Students meeting the residency and/or residency status as defined in the San Juan College Academic Catalog will be given a 5% Residency Preference on their application.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

Individuals who have been convicted of a felony may have limited employment opportunities in the dental field.

Will you be at least 18 years or older by August 25, 2025? Yes No

Section B – Educational Institutions

List all Educational Institutions, (High School, College, University, Technical Schools, and Health Related Programs) you have attended. List them in the order you attended them.

1) Name of High School: _____
Address: _____
Diploma or GED and Date: _____

2) Name of Institution: _____
Address: _____
Degree(s) and/or Certificate(s) Completed and Date: _____

3) Name of Institution: _____
Address: _____
Degree(s) and/or Certificate(s) Completed and Date: _____

4) Name of Institution: _____
Address: _____
Degree(s) and/or Certificate(s) Completed and Date: _____

Have you ever been dismissed from a professional program or academically withdrawn from a professional program? Yes No

If yes, complete the following information:

School Name and Location: _____

Dates of Attendance: _____ to _____

Type of Program: _____

Reason for Dismissal: _____

Section C – Educational Courses Example Page

Use this page as a reference to fill out the Prerequisite and General Education Courses you have Completed, are In Progress, or have Not Taken in the charts on pages 8 and 9.

For Completed courses, fill in every box.

For In Progress courses, fill in every box, except the Final Grade box.

For Not Taken courses, fill in the Course ID, Course Title, and Course Status boxes.

Prerequisite Courses	Course ID	Course Title	Final Grade	Date Completed	Course Status C = Completed I = In Progress NT = Not Taken	Institution Where Course Was Taken
BIOL 2225 & BIOL 2225L Human Anatomy and Physiology II & Lab Formerly: BIOL 253 with lab included	BIOL 2225 & BIOL 2225L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II & Lab	A	Fall 2023	C	San Juan College (SJC)
NUTR 2110 Human Nutrition Formerly: HLTH 118	NUTR 2110	Human Nutrition			NT	
SOCI 1110 Introduction to Sociology Formerly: SOCI 110	SOCI 1110	Introduction to Sociology		Spring 2024	I	SJC

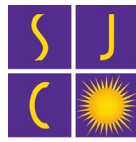
Section C – Educational Courses

Fill out the Prerequisite Courses you have completed in the chart below.

Official college transcripts for each college you have attended must be sent directly to San Juan College through an e-transcript service. E-transcripts can be sent to transcripts@sanjuancollege.edu. By sending your official transcripts, we can properly determine which of the prerequisites and general education courses you have taken will transfer.

This process may take 3-4 weeks. Be sure to have your transcripts sent in **well ahead** of the application deadline.

Prerequisite Courses	Course ID <small>(e.g., BIOL 2110)</small>	Course Title	Final Grade	Date Completed	Course Status <small>C = Completed I = In Progress NT = Not Taken</small>	Institution Where Course Was Taken
BIOL 2210 & BIOL 2210L Human Anatomy and Physiology I & Lab <small>Formerly: BIOL 252 with lab included</small>						
BIOL 2225 & BIOL 2225L Human Anatomy and Physiology II & Lab <small>Formerly: BIOL 253 with lab included</small>						
BIOL 2310 & BIOL 2310L Microbiology & Lab <small>Formerly: BIOL 224 with lab included</small>						
CHEM 1120 & CHEM 1120L Introduction to Chemistry & Lab <small>Formerly: CHEM 110 with lab included</small>						
ENGL 1120 Composition II <small>Formerly: ENGL 211</small> OR ENGL 2210 Professional & Technical Communication <small>Formerly: ENGL 218</small>						
NUTR 2110 Human Nutrition <small>Formerly: HLTH 118</small>						
SOCI 1110 Introduction to Sociology <small>Formerly: SOCI 110</small>						



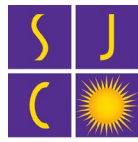
Section C – Educational Courses (continued)

Fill out the General Education Courses you have completed in the chart below.

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This process may take 3-4 weeks. Be sure to have your transcripts sent in **well ahead** of the application deadline.

General Education Courses	Course ID (e.g., BIOL 2110)	Course Title	Final Grade	Date Completed	Course Status C = Completed I = In Progress NT = Not Taken	Institution Where Course Was Taken
COMM 1130 Public Speaking Formerly: COMM 110 OR COMM 2120 Interpersonal Communication Formerly: COMM 111						
ENGL 1110 Composition I Formerly: ENGL 111						
MATH 1130 Survey of Mathematics Formerly: MATH 130 OR MATH 1220 College Algebra Formerly: MATH 160 OR MATH 1240 Pre-Calculus Formerly: MATH 170 OR MATH 1250 Trigonometry & Pre-Calculus OR MATH 1350 Introduction to Statistics Formerly: MATH 251 OR MATH 1510 Calculus I Formerly: MATH 188						
BIOL 2110 & BIOL 2110L Principles of Biology & Lab Formerly: BIOL 121 with lab included						
PSYC 1110 Introduction to Psychology Formerly: PSYC 110						



Section D – In Progress Courses

If you currently have courses “in progress” at the time of application, have your Professor complete the “In Progress Grade Report Form” and submit it directly to the SJC Dental Hygiene Program. Use one form for each instructor. You may copy this form as necessary. Include the Course ID, Section Number, Course Title, and the Number of Credits.

In Progress Grade Report Form

Dear Professor,

Your student is applying for the SJC Dental Hygiene Program and has asked you to forward their in progress grade in your course as part of the Application Process. Fill out the form below and submit this letter directly to the SJC Dental Hygiene Program by **April 3, 2025**. Include the Course ID, Section Number, Course Title, and the Number of Credits.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

(Student Name)

is currently enrolled in

(Course ID and Section #, *Example: ENGL 1110-1010*)

(Course Title, *Example: Composition I*)

(# of Credits, *Example: 3*)

at

(Name of Institution)

His/Her current grade is: _____

Instructor’s Name: _____

Instructor’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

This form must be submitted by the instructor directly to the SJC Dental Hygiene Program. Mail to: San Juan College, Dental Hygiene Program, 4601 College Blvd., Farmington, NM 87402 or submit by email to: dentalprogram@sanjuancollege.edu.

Section E – Observation Hours

Observe 3 dental hygienists, 4 hours each, at 3 different dental offices. Ask the hygienists the following questions and record their responses. Dress in professional attire and closed shoes.

If you have previously applied to the SJC Dental Hygiene Program, check below and list the year.

Previously Applied: _____

Applicant's Name	Affix Dental Office Business Card Here
Name of Dental Office	
Date of Observation	
Name of Dental Hygienist Applicant Observed	

Applicant Observe and Record

- 1) What is the best part of your job?

- 2) What is the worst part of your job?

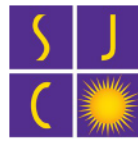
- 3) What is your average daily routine?

- 4) Notes

Signature of Applicant: _____

Dental Hygienists Notes

Signature of Hygienist: _____



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If you have previously applied to the SJC Dental Hygiene Program, check below and list the year.

Previously Applied: _____

Applicant's Name	Affix Dental Office Business Card Here
Name of Dental Office	
Date of Observation	
Name of Dental Hygienist Applicant Observed	

Applicant Observe and Record

- 5) What is the best part of your job?

- 6) What is the worst part of your job?

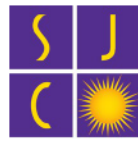
- 7) What is your average daily routine?

- 8) Notes

Signature of Applicant: _____

Dental Hygienists Notes

Signature of Hygienist: _____



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If you have previously applied to the SJC Dental Hygiene Program, check below and list the year.

Previously Applied: _____

Applicant's Name	Affix Dental Office Business Card Here
Name of Dental Office	
Date of Observation	
Name of Dental Hygienist Applicant Observed	

Applicant Observe and Record

9) What is the best part of your job?

10) What is the worst part of your job?

11) What is your average daily routine?

12) Notes

Signature of Applicant: _____

Dental Hygienists Notes

Signature of Hygienist: _____

Section F – Essays

Complete each of the 2 essay questions. Each essay must be a maximum of 500 words, double spaced, and typed in 12-point font. Place your San Juan College ID number and the questions number **only** at the top right of each essay page as identifiers. (Example: 1234567, Question #1). Each essay will be evaluated anonymously by faculty from the San Juan College Humanities Department. Essays are evaluated based on:

- Critical Thinking
- Ethical Decision Making
- Writing Skill
 - Organization of Content
 - Vocabulary and Sentence Fluency
 - Elaboration of Ideas

Applicants are strongly discouraged from using AI during the writing process of their Essays for Application and should use AI tools with extreme caution. The insights and reflections presented in the Essays must be the applicants own and should be grounded in specific real-world examples of their experiences and accomplishments. The final content of the Essays must be the applicants own work and reflect their personal voice and original ideas. The use of AI should not replace or obscure the applicant's authentic reflection within their Essays.

For the purposes of this policy, AI tools include but are not limited to large language models, text generators, automated writing assistants, and any software that can produce human-like text or analysis based on prompts or inputs.

While AI use is generally discouraged, limited use may be permitted for basic grammar and spelling checks and formatting assistance. AI tools must not be used for generating original content, ideas, or reflections, rewriting or paraphrasing the applicants work, or analyzing or interpreting the applicants' experiences or accomplishments.

Violation of this policy may result in the rejection of the application.

Question #1

What would you do if you witnessed a coworker making a mistake with a patient's treatment?

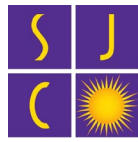
Question #2

Why do you want to be a dental hygienist?

Section G – Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH)

- **ATDH Information**

- Read the complete [ATDH Candidate Guide](#) before submitting your ATDH application. The Candidate Guide can be found at <https://www.ada.org/education/testing/exams/admission-test-for-dental-hygiene-atdh>. This guide provides important information about application and testing procedures, examination content, fees, etc.
- Start by obtaining a new [DENTPIN](#). Your DENTPIN is the unique identifier for all your dental testing needs.
- Complete the ATDH application and schedule an exam at one of the ATDH Test Centers. Students will need to submit their application 2 to 3 months before they intend to take the exam.
- Students will need to send their ATDH scores directly to the San Juan College Registration and Records Department at records@sanjuancollege.edu.
- Students will need to include a copy of their ATDH scores with their Dental Hygiene Program Application.
- The San Juan College Testing Center will administer the ATDH on Fridays and Saturdays along with some Thursdays, except for the SJC holidays and graduation.
- The ATDH will be available year-round, effective September 1, 2023.



Section H – Previous Dental Work Experience

Do you have any work experiences related to Dental Health Care? Yes No

If yes, complete the following information and have your employer submit an Employment Verification Letter(s) directly to the SJC Dental Hygiene Program by **April 3, 2025**. The letter needs to be on company letterhead and include the Employee’s Name, Job Title, Dates of Employment, Hours Worked per Week, and Job Responsibilities.

Mail to: San Juan College, Dental Hygiene Program, 4601 College Blvd., Farmington, NM 87402 or submit by email to: dentalprogram@sanjuancollege.edu.

Employer’s Name	Address	Phone Number
Job Title	Dates of Employment: Month/Year to Month/Year	Hours Per Week Worked
List Job Responsibilities		

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List Job Responsibilities		

Section H – Previous Dental Work Experience Example Page

Employer's Name
Address
Phone

Date

RE: Employment Verification for _____ (Employee's Name)

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter as confirmation that _____ (Employee's Name) was employed with _____ (Employer Name) as a _____ (Job Title) from _____ (Employment Start Date) to _____ (Employment End Date). _____ (Employee's Name) worked _____ hours per week. His/Her job responsibilities were _____ (List Job Responsibilities).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at _____ (Employer's Contact Information).

Sincerely,

_____ (Employer's Signature)

_____ (Employer's Printed Name)

_____ (Employer's Title)

Section J – Acknowledgement & Signature

Initial each item upon completion.

- _____ I have read this application in its entirety and understand what is required for the SJC Dental Hygiene Program application process.
- _____ I know to contact the SJC Dental Hygiene Program, if I have any questions about applying.
- _____ I understand the deadline for this application process is Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 5:00pm.
- _____ I understand that if required information is not included with my application for the SJC Dental Hygiene Program my application will not be considered.
- _____ I understand that *completing* all of the criteria for admission does not *guarantee* admission to the SJC Dental Hygiene Program. Selection criteria are objectively weighted, resulting in the top twelve applicants being selected by the Admission Committee.

The SJC Dental Hygiene Program requires students to do a criminal background check. Acceptance into the SJC Dental Hygiene Program is conditional upon a Certified Background Investigation following selection for admission. The ability to participate in required off-sight clinical activities and to obtain professional licensure may be dependent upon a criminal background check.

Race/Ethnicity (optional)

The Program gathers race/ethnicity data for information purposes only and to meet accreditation standards for access and equity. Answering the race/ethnicity question is optional and in no way affects your application.

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black, Non-Hispanic
- Hispanic
- White, Non-Hispanic
- Unknown Race/Ethnicity
- Other: _____

By signing below, I certify this application to be true and correct and that I am solely responsible for my answers. Any false statements knowingly submitted will result in my being removed from consideration for acceptance into the Program and is grounds for dismissal from the Program.

Print Full Name

Signature

Date

MAKE AND KEEP A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.