



A SMILE THAT LASTS LIFETIME

Associate in Science Degree in Dental Hygiene

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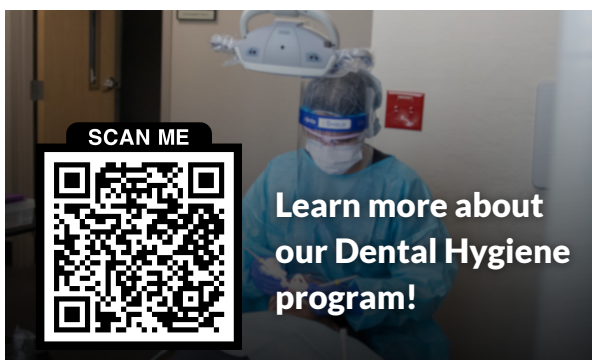
FSW's Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree in Dental Hygiene will prepare you for an in-demand career as a dental hygienist

This program will provide you with the knowledge you need to succeed! Our graduates have maintained a 99.3% pass rate on the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination for 30 years.

You will develop clinical skills on-site at the FSW Lee Campus in a state-of-the-art Dental Hygiene Clinic. Students provide hands-on dental services. They work with patients from every age group while collaborating with community agencies and improving oral health care for underserved populations.

As a Dental Hygienist, You Will:

- Assess the patient's oral tissues and overall health to determine the presence and/or absence of disease.
- Perform oral cancer examinations, expose radiographic surveys, take intraoral camera pictures, and incorporate a variety of dental equipment to perform clinical procedures.
- Formulate evidence-based, patient-centered dental hygiene treatment plans.
- Educate patients on how to improve their overall oral health.
- Remove hard and soft deposits that have formed on the teeth.
- Apply sealants and preventive fluoride treatments.
- Administer pain management strategies such as topical and local anesthesia.



*The median annual wage
for dental hygienists was*
\$94,260 in May 2024*

**United States Bureau of Labor Statistics*

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Program Curriculum

FSW's A.S. Degree in Dental Hygiene can be earned in 20 months! The full program consists of 88 credits: 21 dental hygiene and 11 general education courses.

Courses are offered in a variety of formats each semester, including in-person, online, live online, and blended. The schedule of courses is approximately 3-5 days/week.



Advanced Career Pathways

Picture yourself continuing your education! You can elect to pursue a bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene from St. Petersburg College while enrolled in FSW's Dental Hygiene program and continue your path toward becoming a dentist, or pursue advanced degrees in business, health sciences, supervision and management, and more.



Where We Work

A dental hygienist can find employment as a part-time or full-time employee in the following areas:

Clinical Settings

- Private dental practice
- Dental and dental hygiene schools
- Nursing homes
- Health departments
- Community clinics
- Hospitals
- Prison facilities

Corporate Settings

- Dental sales representative
- Dental product researchers
- Corporate educators or administrators

Public Health Settings

- Head Start programs
- Local health departments
- National Health Service Corps
- School sealant programs

Educational Settings

- Technical schools, colleges, and universities
- Clinical educators and program directors

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