Dental Hygiene
Program Code – 20530
88 credit hours
Dental Hygienist

Dental Hygiene is a health profession with its primary responsibility being preventive in nature. Licensure qualifies the dental hygienist to provide oral health services to patients in a variety of settings including: private dental offices (general or specialty practices), public health facilities, state institutions, hospitals, and nursing homes, group homes for the elderly or disabled, and the military. In addition, dental hygienists may be employed as dental clinic managers, dental health educators and supervisors for public health agencies.
Treasure Coast Job Growth

Source: EMSI Complete Employment - 2018
Dental Hygiene Program

IRSC’s Dental Hygiene Program prepares students to take the Dental Hygiene National and State Licensure Board examinations. Students accepted into the program receive a well-rounded general education with a strong emphasis on dental hygiene skills.
Application Process

• Submit IRSC Admission Application
• Meet with Academic Advisor
• Attend Dental Hygiene Information Session
• Complete Dental Hygiene Program Application and pay non-refundable $30 processing fee
• Read, sign and submit the Performance Standards form
• Complete minimum of 20 hours of observation shadowing of dental hygienist
• Read, Sign and submit the Infectious Disease protocol form
• Submit essay on the observation experience
• Submit resume
### Selection Algorithm

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- A=3 Points
- B=2 Points
- C=1 Points

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Grades Given:
- A=5 Points
- B=4 Points
- C=3 Points
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RiverMail Access Information
Provisional Acceptance

1. Health Science Programs are limited access programs, therefore; students provisionally selected based on minimum requirements are not fully accepted until they successfully pass Drug/Background Check and Physical Examination.

2. Students will be notified via River Mail of acceptance status after application deadline.

3. Upon notification from HS department, submit a non-refundable $100 check payable to IRSC Health Science Dept.

4. Submit Physical Exam Form complete with immunizations document.

Disclaimer: Wait until you are provisionally accepted before completing above steps 3 & 4.
Curriculum Full Time Track

To locate the Dental Hygiene curriculum please go to the IRSC website. Follow the steps below:

1. Go to www.irsc.edu
2. Click on “Choose a Program or Career”
3. Click on “Health Sciences/How to Apply”
4. Click on “Dental Hygiene”
5. Select “Guided Pathway” on the right side of page.

For program information
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### Program Deadline

**Dental Hygiene Program**

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Classes begin Summer II
Program Expenses

$18,467.50

Click here for a breakdown of the Program Expenses

* Program expenses include, Tuition, course fees, uniforms, books, supplies etc. These are approximate costs and are subject to change. In addition to these costs, the candidate should allow for room, board, transportation, and personal living expenses.
This program is financial aid eligible.

1. Visit the IRSC Financial Aid website.

2. Apply for financial aid by filling out a FAFSA application.

3. Apply for any and all scholarships you may qualify for.
For more information:

www.irsc.edu

Click on Choose a Career or Program
Click on Health Science Programs
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