***Note required information:*** *Program or certificate changes require a change to the catalog page. All change of program or certificate proposals must include the new catalog page, with all proposed changes, at the end of this document. All changes that affect the courses, words, numbers, symbols, program description, admissions requirements, and graduation requirements as presented in the 2014-2015 catalog must be documented. Note before completing this proposal that all new courses and current prerequisite, corequisite, core, or elective courses changes must have already been reviewed (or submitted for the same meeting) by the Curriculum Committee and approved by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. The Track Changes feature in Word must be used to illustrate all changes to the catalog page.*

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| **School or Division** | School of Health Professions |
| **Program or Certificate** | AS, Dental Hygiene |
| **Proposed by (faculty only)** | Dr. Olitsky, Dr. LoGrippo, Carol Chapman, Clori Atkins, Brenda Schwing and Karen Molumby. |
| **Presenter (faculty only)** | Karen Molumby |
| Note that the presenter (faculty) listed above must be present at the Curriculum Committee meeting or the proposal will be returned to the School or Division and be resubmitted for a later date. |
| **Submission date** | 9/17/2015 |

**Section I, Proposed Changes**

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| **Change of School, Division, or Department** | List new school, division, or department |
| **Change to program or certificate name** | List new program or certificate name |
| **List below, any changes to the program or certificate prerequisites. Include course titles and credits if applicable.** |
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| **List below, any changes to the General Education requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.** |
| All General Education Courses must be successfully completed with a grade of “C” or higher to fulfill program requirements.  |
| **List below, any changes to the program or certificate Core requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.** |
| All Program Specific General Education and Dental Hygiene Core Courses must be successfully completed with a grade of “C” or higher to fulfill program requirements.  |
| **List below, any changes to the program or certificate Elective requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.** |
| List changes to program or certificate Elective requirements |
| **List below, any other changes to the program or certificate requirements.**  |
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| **Change to program length (credits or clock hours to complete)** | From: To: |

**Section II, Justification for proposal**

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| **Provide justification (below) for each change on this proposed curriculum action**  |
| The Dental Hygiene Curriculum prepares students to take National, Regional and State Licensure examinations to practice as dental hygienist. There are four licensure examinations. Each one of the licensure examinations must be successfully completed with a grade of a 75% or higher. Graduates of our program seeking to transfer their Associate Degree credits to St. Petersburg College’s Bachelors of Applied Science Degree in Dental Hygiene must successfully complete all General Education, Program Specific Coursework, and Dental Hygiene Core Course with a “C” or better. The Dental Hygiene Faculty endorses the program requirement of All General Education, Program Specific Coursework and Dental Hygiene Core Courses be successfully completed with a grade of ‘C’ or better.  |

**Section III, Important Dates and Endorsements Required**

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| **List all faculty endorsements below. (Note that proposals will be returned to the School or Division if faculty endorsements are not provided).** |
| Dr. Richard Olitsky, Dr. Phil LoGrippo, Carol Chapman, Brenda Schwing, Clori Atkins and Karen Molumby.  |

**nOTE:** Changes for the Fall 2016 term must be submitted to the Dropbox by the February 5, 2016 deadline and approved no later than the March 4, 2016 Curriculum Committee meeting. Changes during mid-school year are NOT permitted. Extreme circumstances will require approval from the appropriate Dean or Associate Vice President as well as the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs to begin in either the Spring 2016 or Summer 2016 term.

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| **Term in which approved action will take place** | Fall 2016 |

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| **Required Endorsements** | **Type in Name** | **Select Date** |
| **Department Chair or Program Coordinator/Director** | Karen Molumby | 9/17/2015 |
| **Academic Dean or Associate Vice President** | Dr. Marie Collins | 10/2/2015 |
| **Dean’s Council Representative** | Mary Myers | 10/13/2015 |

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| **Select Curriculum Committee Meeting Date** | November 6, 2015 |

Completed curriculum proposals must be uploaded to Dropbox by the deadline. Please refer to the *Curriculum Committee Calendar* document available in the document manager in the FSW Portal:

* Document Manager
* VP Academic Affairs
* Curriculum Process Documents

**Important Note to Faculty, Department Chairs or Program Coordinators, and Deans or an Associate Vice President:**

Incomplete proposals or proposals requiring corrections will be returned to the School or Division. If a proposal is incomplete or requires multiple corrections, the proposal will need to be completed or corrected and **resubmitted to the Dropbox for the next Curriculum Committee meeting**. All Curriculum proposals require approval of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Final approval or denial of a proposal is reflected on the completed and signed Summary Report.

**Include complete new catalog page below.**

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| Dental Hygiene, AS |
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Graduates of the Dental Hygiene Program are prepared to become credentialed and licensed as a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) after successful completion of the written National Board Dental Hygiene Examination, a regional clinical examination, and application for state licensure. Dental hygienists are oral health professionals who focus on preventing and treating oral diseases-both to protect teeth and gums, and also to protect patients’ total health. In addition to treating patients directly, dental hygienists may also work as educators, researchers, and administrators.Each state has its own specific regulations and the range of services performed by dental hygienists varies from one state to another. As part of dental hygiene services, dental hygienists may:* perform oral health care assessments that include the review of patients’ health history, dental charting, oral cancer screening, and evaluation of gum disease / health
* expose, process, and interpret dental radiographs (x-rays)
* remove biofilm (plaque bacteria, tartar) from above and below the gumline using dental instruments
* apply cavity-preventive agents such as fluorides and sealants to the teeth
* administer topical and/or injectable local anesthetic
* administer and/or monitor nitrous oxide analgesia
* educate patients on proper oral hygiene techniques to maintain healthy teeth and gums
* counsel patients about plaque control and developing individualized at-home oral hygiene programs
* administer smoking cessation programs
* counsel patients on the importance of good nutrition for maintaining optimal oral health.

Current occupational employment and wages data for Dental Hygienists are published by the United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics at [www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes292021.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes292021.htm).The Florida SouthWestern State College Dental Hygiene Program admits students once per year and starts each Fall semester. The curriculum includes a combination of classroom, laboratory, and clinical education experiences. General Education and Program Specific coursework may be taken on various campuses but the Dental Hygiene core courses are only offered on the Lee Campus.ACCREDITATION:The Florida SouthWestern State College Dental Hygiene program is nationally accredited by the:Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)211 E. Chicago, IL 60611-2678Telephone: 312-440-4653APPLICATION DEADLINE:December 15ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:Dental Hygiene has limited enrollment due to the rigorous clinical education requirements for the program. Acceptance to Florida SouthWestern State College does not imply acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program. Each applicant must meet specific criteria which are listed in the admission policies. The Criteria for Admission Policies are available through the program office or through the School of Health Professions office at (239)489-9255. Admission applications are located at [www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/asdentalhygiene](http://www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/asdentalhygiene).Admission to the program is determined by admissions points, academic transcript evaluation, and affective skills demonstration. Admissions points are awarded for the completion of General Education coursework and prospective students are encouraged to complete as many courses as possible, prior to starting the Dental Hygiene Core coursework. Pre-admission requirements include satisfactory completion of the following:* College-approved criminal records check and drug testing at the applicant’s expense
* A minimum of three (3) General Education courses in the Natural Sciences section

After acceptance, students must complete the following:* Immunization and health report
* TB Skin Test
* Certification in American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (CPR and AED) obtained during the months of June-August, prior to Fall Year 1 semester start.

**Program completion requires that all general education courses, program specific courses, and core Dental Hygiene courses are completed with a grade or “C” or better.** |
| AS Dental Hygiene Program of Study (88 credits)**General Education and Program Specific Courses**General Education Requirements: 16 credits required* [ENC 1101 - Composition I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **3 credits** , writing intensive-must complete with a “C” or better
* General Education Humanities   - **3 credits**
* [PSY 2012 - Introduction to Psychology](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **3 credits**
* General Education Mathematics   - **3 credits**
* [BSC 1093C - Anatomy and Physiology I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **4 credits**

Program Specific Course: 18 credits required* General Education Chemistry and Corresponding Lab   - **4 credits**
* [SPC 1017 - Fundamentals of Speech Communication](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **3 credits**
* OR
* [SPC 2608 - Introduction to Public Speaking](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **3 credits**
* [SYG 1000 - Principles of Sociology](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **3 credits**
* [BSC 1094C - Anatomy and Physiology II](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **4 credits**
* [MCB 2010C - Microbiology](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **4 credits**

Dental Hygiene Core Courses: 54 credits required* [DEH 1002 - Dental Hygiene I - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **3 credits**
* [DEH 1002L - Dental Hygiene I Preclinical Lab - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **3 credits**
* [DES 1020C - Dental Anatomy - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **2 credits**
* [DES 1100C - Dental Materials - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **2 credits**
* [DEH 1130 - Oral Histology and Embryology - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **2 credits**
* [DES 1200C - Dental Radiology - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **3 credits**
* [DEH 1602 - Periodontics - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **3 credits**
* [DEH 1802 - Dental Hygiene II - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **2 credits**
* [DEH 1802L - Dental Hygiene II Clinical - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **3 credits**
* [DEH 2300 - Pharmacology – AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **2 credits**
* [DEH 2804 - Dental Hygiene III - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **2 credits**
* [DEH 2804L - Dental Hygiene III Clinical - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **5 credits**
* [DEH 2400 - General and Oral Pathology - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **2 credits**
* [DEH 2702 - Community Dental Health - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **2 credits**
* [DEH 2702L - Community Dental Health Laboratory - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **1 credit**
* [DEH 2806 - Dental Hygiene IV - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **2 credits**
* [DEH 2806L - Dental Hygiene IV Clinical - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **5 credits**
* [DEH 2808 - Dental Hygiene V - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **2 credits**
* [DEH 2808L - Dental Hygiene V Clinical - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **5 credits**
* [DES 2832C - Expanded Functions Laboratory - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **2 credits**
* [DEH 2930 - Dental Hygiene Seminar - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=368&returnto=463&print) **1 credit**

Total Degree Requirements: 88 Credit Hours |