



West Los Angeles College
Proposed Dental Hygiene Bachelor Program

I. History of WLAC DH Program

- 1972: One of the first community college programs to offer Dental Hygiene Program in California
- 1976: State pilot project on local anesthesia, soft tissue curettage and nitrous oxide/oxygen sedation.
- 2002: First Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice program approved in the state of California - Access to Healthcare Bill.

II. Current Bachelor Degree Programs in Dental Hygiene

- 4 programs currently offer bachelor degrees in California
 - Loma Linda, USC, UOP, West Coast University
 - All proprietary schools
- 2 Bachelor completion programs in California
 - Loma Linda, West Coast University
 - Proprietary schools
- No UC or CSU transfer track available for Dental Hygiene units (60+ units)

III. Measure of Program Quality (program outcomes)

- Accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) -National
- Approved by the Dental Hygiene Committee of California (DHCC)-State
- Ranked in the top 20% nationally by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.
- 100% pass rate in national and state examination.
- 98% average retention and success rate for past 10 years.
- Awards 25 Associate of Science degrees in dental hygiene annually
- Awards 40 Associate of Arts degrees in health professions annually
- Licensure Requirements:
 - National Board Examination (written)
 - State Board Examination (Practical)
 - State Jurisprudence Examination



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IV. Affiliations/Partners/Contracts

- University of California, Los Angeles
 - School of dentistry, Advance General Education Dentistry
 - Venice/UCLA Dental Clinic
- Veterans Affairs Administration
 - Westwood Hospital, 500
 - Westwood Rehabilitation Center
 - Los Angeles, Diabetes Clinic
 - Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Clinic
- Meet Each Need with Dignity (MEND), Pacoima
- Kid's Burbank Dental Clinic, Burbank

V. Advisory Board Membership

- Corporate Members
 - Hu-Friedy
 - Colgate
- Educational Members
 - UCLA
 - Dean of Academic Affairs
 - Dean of Clinical Sciences
 - Faculty
 - WLAC
 - Administration
 - Faculty
 - Students
 - Alumni
- Non-Profit Community Based Organizations
 - MEND
 - Kids Dental Clinic - Burbank
- Private Practice Members
 - Dentists
 - Dental Hygienists



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VI. Bachelor degree/Labor Market Needs

- Additional employment opportunities beyond clinical private practice.
 - Dental Hygiene Education
 - Teach in clinical courses (BS required by DH Accreditation)
 - Teach lecture courses (Masters degree (MS required by DH Accreditation))
 - State licensure and business owner
 - Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice
 - Access to Healthcare bill
 - Community Health/Public Health Agencies and Organizations
 - Research in educational or private industry
 - Management and Administrative positions
 - Sales Representatives

- Labor Market Info (LMI), projected at 5,180 in the Los Angeles area from 2010-2020, with additional openings of 870 due to net replacements.
- O-Net Online-“Bright Outlook”; projected to **grow much faster than average** (employment increase of 22% or more) over the period 2012-2022, and projected to **have 100,000 or more job openings** over the period 2012-2022.

VII. Number of students to be served

- 30-40 students annually
 - First program in state to grant a bachelor degree at a Community College
 - Meet the SB850 requirements by awarding (30-40 annually) a total of 180-240 BS in Dental Hygiene by 2022



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VIII. Bachelor Degree Curriculum:

Lower Division Courses: 1 st and 2 nd Year Curriculum		
Requirements	Courses	Units
General Education Courses	Math 125 and 227, Political Science, Humanities, PE, English 103 (Health requirement waived)	20 units
Science Pre-requisites	Biology A/B	4 units
General Education Dental Hygiene Pre-requisites	English 101, Psychology I, Sociology I, Communication studies 101	12 units
Science Dental Hygiene Pre-requisites	Anatomy I, Chemistry 51 or 60, Microbiology 20, Physiology I	16-20 units
Elective Pre-requisites	Family and Consumer Studies 21, Organic Chemistry, Medical Terminology, Anthropology 102	9-14 units
Total Lower Division Units of General Education and Science Courses required prior to entrance into Dental Hygiene Program:		61-65 units
Upper Division Courses 3 rd and 4 th Year Curriculum		
Dental Hygiene Program	Dental Hygiene Courses	61 units
Total units achieved upon completion of program entrance lower division requirements and dental hygiene program		122-126 units



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IX. Administrative Funding Plan for BS program:

- Program support proposal – Innovation in Higher Education Award \$2.5 million
 - Student services
 - Admissions and Records classified support
 - Financial aid advisor
 - Dedicated bachelor degree navigator
 - Faculty mentors/advisory
 - Student tutors/program assistants
 - Clinical equipment and supplies
 - Repairs and maintenance

X. Supporting groups

- Dental Hygiene Advisory board
- California Dental Hygiene Association
- Dental Hygiene Committee of California
- WLAC Allied Health and Dental Hygiene Faculty
- WLAC Administration
- LACCD Board-March 28, 2014 approval of BS for accredited programs
- Meet Each Need with Dignity (MEND) Organization
- UCLA School of Dentistry
- Corporate industry partners
- Alumni
- Current and future students

XI. Consultation with members of West Los Angeles College:

- President Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh,; Vice President, Academic Affairs, Robert Sprague and Vice President Student Services, Phyllis Braxton; Dean of Academic Affairs, Aracely Aguiar
- Chair of College Council, Fran Leonard; Chair of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness, Rebecca Tillberg

XII. College Announcements:

- a. Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Committee
- b. Counseling Department
- c. Dental Hygiene Advisory Board
- d. Curriculum Committee
- e. Allied Health Division Meeting
- f. Current and potential dental hygiene students (survey)



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XIII. External Announcements:

- g. Chancellor
- h. American Dental Hygienist Association
- i. California Dental Hygienist Educators
- j. University California, Los Angeles, CSULA, CSUDH
- k. Hu-Friedy Company
- l. Colgate/ Palmolive Company
- m. Veterans Affairs
- n. Kid’s Dental Clinic, Burbank, CA
- o. MEND Non-profit Organization
- p. Western Society of Periodontology
- q. Local Dentists
- r. San Fernando Valley Dental Hygienist Society

4 year Degree Qualifications	Pilot Bachelor Degree Requirements met
External Accreditation Body	Commission on Dental Accreditation
Licensing/Governing Body	Dental Hygiene Committee of California
Community Support	Letters of support obtained
No UC or CSU transferability options	Terminal Degree
120 Units Completed Upon Graduation	60 Units of pre-requisites generally completed prior to enrolling in Dental Hygiene program and an additional 61 units required for an AS degree in Dental Hygiene.

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