

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long does it take to get the degree? Students has a choice of Option 1: One Academic Year or Option 2: Two Academic Years to complete the BSDH degree. See the Program Educational Plan Options for details.

2. Will I need to be on campus? No, all courses are offered 100% online.

3. I meet all the requirements. How soon can I be admitted into the program? Applicants are admitted into the program on first-come first-served basis. Depending on the number of slots available in the program, it is possible that there will be a waiting period before the next group of admissions.

4. How can I get my CSU or IGETC certified? Contact the school you attended to request the certification.

5. What is a capstone project? The capstone project is a three-quarter process in which you pursue independent research on a question or problem of your choice with the guidance of a faculty mentor. You'll then produce a substantial paper that reflects a deep understanding of the chosen topic. Some capstone projects may also involve field work. The topic for the capstone project should be related to the field in which you are interested in pursuing a career after earning the degree and may involve one of the following areas:

- Dental hygiene education
- Dental public health
- Corporate educators or administrators
- Policy-making
- Clinical dental hygiene or basic science

6. How much does the program cost? Course fees are \$87 per unit. The program will cost approximately \$4,000 (\$9700 for out-of-state residents), not including additional costs for textbooks or any other course materials.

7. Is financial aid available? Yes. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at fnfinancialaidoffice@fhda.edu for more information.

8. Is the program accredited? Yes, Foothill College AS to BSDH Completion Program is accredited by Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) - Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Visit our website for more FAQs.



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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

POST-LICENSURE



Are You a Licensed Dental Hygienist?

Our program is for you. If you are a licensed dental hygienist (RDH or RDHAP) from an accredited two-year community college dental hygiene program our B.S. completion degree will broaden your educational experiences. We provide an in-depth curriculum, including, but not limited to: developing a capstone project, and developing skills in critical thinking, writing, communication, cultural sensitivity, conducting research, and reporting.

The dental hygiene degree completion program will expand your professional opportunities beyond the private dental office and promote career advancement in management, education, public health and research. We prepare dental hygienists to interact effectively with other health professionals in a competent, collaborative and ethical manner. The B.S. degree requires completion of a minimum of 189 quarter units (125 semester units), including general education course work in alignment with CSU or IGETC pattern general education.



Professional Roles of the Dental Hygienist



Admission Requirements

- Graduation from an accredited dental hygiene program
- Minimum cumulative college GPA 2.75
- Licensed in good standing as a Registered Dental Hygienist

Required Application Documents

- Completed application (found on our website)
- Official transcripts
- One-page personal statement
- RDH pocket license
- CSU GE or IGETC certification (optional)

Application Period

Options	Application Opens	Application Deadline	Application Status by
One academic year - must start in Spring quarter	September 15	December 15	January 15
Two academic years - must start in Fall quarter	February 1	May 1	June 1

B.S. Degree Completion Courses

UPPER DIVISION GE COURSES:

- **IDS 300:** Research Methods, Statistics & Critical Thinking for Health Professions (5 units)

IDS 300 must be taken prior to enrolling in DH 350A in fall.

- **HLTH 300:** Healthcare Across the Lifespan (5 units)
- **BIO 300** (4 units)

CORE COURSES:

- **DH 350 A:** Dental Hygiene Research and Capstone course I (5 units)
- **DH 350 B:** Dental Hygiene Research and Capstone course II (5 units)
- **DH 350 C:** Dental Hygiene Research and Capstone course III (5 units)
DH 350A, DH 350B, and DH 350C must be taken in sequential order in three consecutive quarters. DH 350A will be offered only in fall quarter.
- **DH 352:** Health Communication & Multicultural Issues (5 units)
- **DH 354:** DH Healthcare Management (5 units)
- **DH 356:** Education Theory, Practice and Administration (5 units)