



DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM POLICY MANUAL



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Section 2 College and Program, Philosophy, Values, Goals

2.1 Foothill De-Anza Community College District Mission

The Foothill De Anza Community College District responding to community needs, exists to provide high quality educational opportunities that promote development of individual abilities and enhance the quality of community life.

2.2 Foothill College Vision, Values, Purpose & Mission

2.2.1 Our Vision

Foothill College educates students from diverse backgrounds that represent the demographics of the Bay Area, with particular attention to underserved and underrepresented populations. Foothill students master content and skills which are critical for their future success. They develop and act upon a sense of responsibility to be stewards of the public good.

Adopted by Planning & Resource Council (PaRC) in Fall 2014

2.2.2 Our Values

Honesty, Integrity, Trust, Openness, Transparency, Forgiveness, Sustainability

2.2.3 Our Purpose

To provide access to educational opportunity for all with innovation and distinction.

2.2.4 Our Mission

Believing a well-educated population is essential to sustaining and enhancing a democratic society, Foothill College offers programs and services that empower students to achieve their goals as members of the workforce, as future students, and as global citizens. We work to obtain equity in achievement of student outcomes for all California student populations, and are guided by our core values of honesty, integrity, trust, openness, transparency, forgiveness, and sustainability.

Foothill College offers associate degrees and certificates in multiple disciplines, and a baccalaureate degree in dental hygiene.

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2.3 Foothill College Dental Hygiene Program Mission and Goals

2.3.1 Foothill College Dental Hygiene Program Mission

The mission of the Foothill College Dental Hygiene Program is in accord with the mission of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District.

The purpose of the Dental Hygiene program is to educate students who will positively impact the oral health status of the community. This education will include courses in the basic, social and dental sciences, liberal arts and public health with emphasis on the clinical aspect of the Dental Hygiene practice. This education will provide the student with a foundation to pursue life-long learning.

2.3.2 Foothill College Dental Hygiene Program Goals

The goals of the Foothill College Dental Hygiene Program are to prepare the dental hygiene student upon graduation; (1) to provide comprehensive dental hygiene care in a variety of dental health care settings to individuals from diverse socioeconomic, educational and/or cultural backgrounds; (2) to assume responsibility for oral health wellness and disease prevention in the realm of dental hygiene care for individuals and the community; (3) to develop a graduate who practices and promotes ethical and legal considerations in dental hygiene practice; and (4) to interact effectively with other health professionals in a competent, collaborative, and ethical manner.

The bachelor degree program will broaden the educational experiences of students by providing an in depth curriculum, including, but not limited to: critical thinking, analysis, writing, communication, cultural sensitivity, researching, and reporting. The dental hygiene degree program will expand professional opportunities beyond the private dental office and promote career advancement in management, education, public health and research.

Dental Hygiene Bachelor of Science Degree Program Learning Outcomes

I. Professionalism

The Foothill College Bachelor of Science degree graduate will demonstrate competence in their role as health professionals at the local, state, and national levels. The graduate will possess the ethics, values, skills, and knowledge integral to all aspects of the profession.

II. Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

The Foothill College Bachelor of Science degree graduate will be competent in the performance and delivery of oral health promotion and disease prevention services in public health, private practice and alternative settings. The graduate will be able to exercise evidence-based practice, critical thinking and communicate effectively in all professional employment settings.

2.3.3 Foothill College Dental Hygiene Program Competencies

Dental Hygiene Process of Care: Dental hygiene graduates must be competent in assessing the oral health needs of diverse populations and providing comprehensive dental hygiene care for persons of all ages/stages of life.

Health Education Strategies: Dental hygiene graduates must be competent in health education strategies prevention of disease & the promotion of health for individual clients and the community.

Infection & Hazardous Waste Management: Dental hygiene graduates must be competent in infection & hazard control procedures to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases.