

Winter Quarter

D H 305D	DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY IV	1
D H 320C	CLINICAL DENTAL HYGIENE III	8.5
D H 326B	COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH II	2
D H 328B	CLINICAL DENTAL HYGIENE THEORY II	2
D H 330	NITROUS OXIDE/OXYGEN ANALGESIA	1
Units		14.5

Spring Quarter

D H 320D	CLINICAL DENTAL HYGIENE IV	8.5
D H 326C	COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH III	2
D H 328C	CLINICAL DENTAL HYGIENE THEORY III	2
D H 332	ETHICS, LAW & BUSINESS PRACTICES	3
Units		15.5
Total Units		105.5

¹ Upper Division General Education courses.

Please note: Total Units listed above includes 14 units of Upper Division General Education courses.

Dental Hygiene Bachelor in Science Completion Track

Program Description

The Dental Hygiene bachelor in science degree completion track broadens the educational experience of licensed dental hygienists who have graduated from an accredited dental hygiene program by providing a liberal arts and broad-based general education component, including critical thinking, analysis, writing, researching, and reporting. The program will prepare dental hygienists to interact effectively with other health professionals in a competent, collaborative, and ethical manner. The program can be completed in 1-2 years and will award the Bachelor in Science in Dental Hygiene degree upon successful completion of all courses and program requirements. Students will take online upper division coursework focused on developing communication and critical thinking skills necessary for the bachelor degree. Completing the bachelor degree will allow the licensed dental hygienist to pursue career options in education, corporate/industry, research and public health. The completion track is authorized under AB 927 and the State Chancellor's Office.

Learn more about the program on the [Dental Hygiene website](#).

Units Required

- Major: 64 (additional units are required to satisfy prerequisites and general education requirements)

Program Application

Admittance to this program is through an application process. Program information, admission criteria and application to the program can be found on the [Dental Hygiene Program website](#).

Program Prerequisites

- Associate degree from an accredited two-year community college dental hygiene program.
- Active and in good standing Registered Dental Hygiene license (RDH or RDHAP).
- Completion of one of the following general education patterns: CSU General Education Breadth Requirements or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

Bachelor Degree Requirements

30 units of core courses in dental hygiene and 14 units of upper division general education courses; active and good standing dental hygiene license; and completion of one of the following general education patterns: CSU General Education Breadth Requirements or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

Foothill College awards 24 units as credit for prior learning for passing the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination, Regional/State Clinical Licensing Examination, and State Law & Ethics Examination.

It is strongly recommended that students meet with a counselor for evaluation of transcripts and to determine if general education pattern has been completed.

Core and Support Courses

Select one of the following options (option is selected during the application process):

Option 1: One academic year (must begin in spring quarter)

Course	Title	Units
First Year		
Spring Quarter		
IDS 300	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ¹	5
HLTH 300	HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFESPAN ¹	5
Units		10
Second Year		
Fall Quarter		
D H 350A	DENTAL HYGIENE RESEARCH & CAPSTONE PROJECT I	5
D H 352	HEALTH COMMUNICATION & CULTURAL ISSUES	5
Units		10
Winter Quarter		
D H 350B	DENTAL HYGIENE RESEARCH & CAPSTONE PROJECT II	5
D H 356	EDUCATION THEORY, PRACTICE & ADMINISTRATION	5
Units		10
Spring Quarter		
D H 350C	DENTAL HYGIENE RESEARCH & CAPSTONE PROJECT III	5
D H 354	HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT	5
Units		10
Total Units		40

¹ Upper Division General Education courses.

Please note: Total Units for the completion track is 64 units, which includes Upper Division General Education courses and 24 units awarded as credit for prior learning.

Option 2: Two academic years (must begin in fall quarter)

Course	Title	Units
First Year		
Fall Quarter		
D H 352	HEALTH COMMUNICATION & CULTURAL ISSUES	5
Units		5
Winter Quarter		
D H 356	EDUCATION THEORY, PRACTICE & ADMINISTRATION	5
Units		5
Spring Quarter		
D H 354	HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT	5
IDS 300	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ¹	5
Units		10