

FOOTHILL COLLEGE
PROCEDURES FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE - DENTAL HYGIENE COMPLETION
TRACK
2018

Application deadline: **February 21, 2018**

Thank you for your interest in the Foothill College Dental Hygiene Program.

ADMISSION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

THE PROGRAM

The Foothill College Dental Hygiene Program has been in existence since 1964, and is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degree completion track broadens the educational experiences 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 spans one to two academic years and will award the Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene upon successful completion of all courses and program requirements. The students in the completion track have graduated with an associate degree from an accredited dental hygiene program and are licensed dental hygienists (RDH). Students will take upper division coursework focused on developing communications and critical thinking skills necessary for the Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene. Successful completion of a capstone project is also required for the degree. The BS-DH degree requires completion of one of the following general education patterns: CSU General Education Breadth Requirements or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

I. Professionalism

The Foothill College Bachelor of Science degree graduate will appreciate 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.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Healthcare/Dental-hygienists.htm>), employment of dental hygienists is expected to grow by 38% between 2010-2020, much faster than the average for all occupations. This projected growth ranks dental hygienists among the fastest growing occupations, in response to increasing demand for dental care, and the greater use of dental hygienists. The degree completion

course will open up job opportunities to dental hygienists in education, research, public health, sales/marketing/business and clinical practice.

PROGRAM COSTS

Enrollment Fees and Tuition: Course fees are \$87 per unit (\$31 regular course fee, plus \$56 upper division course fee). Upper Division Coursework Fee (California Education Code (CEC), 78042(g)(5); CCR, title 5, section 58520 – additional upper division course fee of \$56/unit for quarter system colleges charged on all upper division courses that are part of an approved Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Dental Hygiene Program – Completion track

- Graduation from an accredited dental hygiene program
- Cumulative college GPA 2.75
- Licensed as a Registered Dental Hygienist
- Completion of CSU General Education Breadth Requirements or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications may be turned in anytime before the February 21, 2018 deadline for admission to start classes in spring quarter 2018. Application filing procedures must be followed carefully. Mail your application, with the required supporting documents to:

Foothill College Dental Hygiene Program
Attn. H. Sohn
12345 El Monte Road
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

PRIOR COLLEGE EDUCATION

Please list the name, starting and ending dates, and any degrees or certificates, for **all** colleges, universities, technical and vocational schools attended. You must include colleges in which courses were attempted although they may not have been completed: **Do not leave this area blank.**

	Name of College/University	City and State	Dates Attended	Degree Received & Number of Units Taken
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

A. COLLEGE GPA for ALL college coursework: _____

Minimum Cumulative College GPA 2.75 or above? Yes _____ No _____

***For help calculating your cumulative college GPA, visit:** <http://www.foothill.edu/counseling/gpacalc.php>

B: PREREQUISITE GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES – must be completed with a “C” grade or higher:
Required general education: CSU transfer pattern or IGETC. General education may be transferred from accredited colleges, but must be equivalent to Foothill College courses and transferrable to CSU or UC. We recommend meeting with a counselor from the school you graduated from to see if you have completed all the required general education. All required general education must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher before final admission to the BS – DH completion degree program. You can refer to the Foothill College counseling web site under general education for more details about CSU or IGETC general education for transfer. Certification of CSU or IGETC must be submitted with the application.

C. Personal statement

Please include a one page, single-spaced, word-processed personal statement that addresses the following points:

- Discuss the reasons you are interested in pursuing a bachelor’s degree in dental hygiene.
- Tell us about your short and long-term goals and career plans.
- What are your particular interests in health care and dental hygiene?
- The bachelors degree completion program requires a scholarly capstone project, give two examples of areas that you would be interested in researching, developing, implementing and evaluating for your project. Give insight into why these areas are important to you.

The personal statement should be written in a narrative format (not bullet points), using college level writing skills.

2018 Dental Hygiene – BS-DH Completion track Application Checklist

Checklist below to be completed by applicant and included in application packet.

✓	Please make a ✓ in the box to insure you have included everything in your application packet, and that it is complete . Information sent separately will not be used with your application, except official transcripts from institutions that will only issue official transcripts directly to colleges.
	Completed 2018 Dental Hygiene Program – Completion Track Application Form. The application is filled out completely and legibly.
	Copy of RDH or RDHAP pocket license
	One copy of transcripts from <u>all</u> colleges, even if the courses don't seem relevant. Transcripts from foreign colleges are not required as the courses will not be considered for completion of general education requirements.
	Certification of general education (CSU pattern or IGETC).
	Personal statement 1 Page, word-processed. Written in narrative format.
	This 2018 Dental Hygiene Application - Completion Track Check List Form

Please be sure to enclose **EVERYTHING** listed above in **ONE** envelope, and mail via certified mail with a return receipt card, so you will be able to track your application's delivery online. **Unless a school will not mail a transcript directly to you, please do not send transcripts individually, one at a time.**

Make a copy of your application & all documents for your records before submitting.