

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE



About This Program

The Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program may be completed in 50 weeks. This is a bridge program requiring completion of a lower-level degree prior to enrolling and is designed for Registered Dental Hygienists having graduated from a CODA-accredited associate degree Dental Hygiene program who want to advance their career.

The Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene affords excellent opportunities for professional growth and development with education in leadership, education, and research.

Employment positions determined to be in field, to calculate the graduate employment rates required by the state of California, for graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program are: Dental Hygienists (29-1292.00).

More information on these careers may be found at onetonline.org/crosswalk using the career title or the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) number.

Carrington College uses technologies and equipment to support the learning process, such as industry-standard equipment, learning resources, and software.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate effective communication and presentation skills for diverse audiences
- Critically evaluate information from multiple sources for application in professional settings
- Apply current research and data interpretation techniques to identify and evaluate solutions for emergent issues impacting the profession
- Apply critical thinking and evidence-based decision-making in dental hygiene education and health promotion
- Utilize interprofessional collaboration to enhance patient-centered care

The program culminates in a Bachelor of Science Degree.



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Online: Degree conferred from the Sacramento campus

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TECHNICAL AND GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES		LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	CLINICAL HOURS	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
DH401	Teaching Dental Hygiene Theory and Practice	60	0	0	4
DH420	Community Oral Health Assessment and Program Planning	60	0	0	4
DH441	Dental Practice Management	75	0	0	5
HC403	Healthcare Law and Ethics	60	0	0	4
HC430	Establishing Best Practices in Quality Improvement of Healthcare	60	0	0	4
HC440	Research and Evidence-Based Practice in Healthcare	75	0	0	5
HC470	Research Capstone	75	0	0	5
PHIL301 ¹	Critical Thinking for Professionals	60	0	0	4
STS301 ¹	Introduction to Statistics	60	0	0	4
ENG321 ¹	Writing for Research	60	0	0	4
TOTAL FOR DEGREE COMPLETION COURSEWORK		645	0	0	43
MINIMUM TOTAL TRANSFER CREDITS					77
TOTAL FOR DEGREE		645	0	0	120

¹General education course

Approximate time to complete degree program: 50 weeks (not including breaks)

Accreditation and Disclosures

Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, 428 J Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814, (415) 506-0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at accjc.org.

For comprehensive information on Carrington College's accreditation and approvals, visit carrington.edu/accreditation. Visit carrington.edu/sci for important information on program outcomes.

Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. For the most updated information, visit carrington.edu.