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Associate in Science

37 Units

Upon completion of the two-year degree program, graduates are eligible to take the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination and the California Registered Dental Hygiene Licensure (RDH). An RDH is a licensed professional who is part of the dental care team, performing such services as oral examination, oral prophylaxis, exposing and processing dental x-rays, administering local anesthesia, applying preventative substances such as topical fluorides and instructing patients in oral disease control and nutrition.

This program offers academic and clinical skills curriculum within an on-campus clinic.

JOB TITLES	AVERAGE SALARY	PROJECTED JOBS	PROJECTED GROWTH
<p>Dental Hygienist Dental hygienists clean teeth of calcareous deposits, accretions and stains and examine the oral areas, head and neck for signs of oral disease. May educate patients on oral hygiene, take and develop x-rays or apply fluoride and other sealants. They chart conditions of decay and disease for diagnosis and treatment by a dentist.</p>	\$34.19/hr.-\$71,110	113,500	+22%
<p>Dental Assistant Dental assistants provide patient care, assist dentist, set up equipment, prepare patient for treatment, take x-rays, schedule appointments and keep records as requested. They make preliminary impressions for study casts and occlusal registrations for mounting study casts.</p>	\$16.59/hr.-\$34,500	303,200	+25%

