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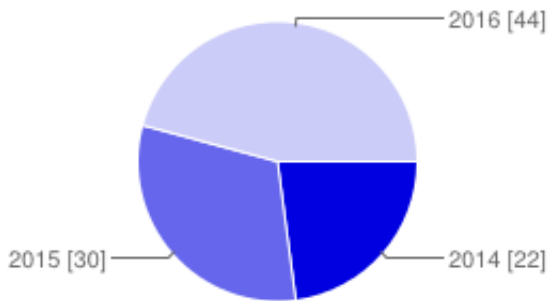
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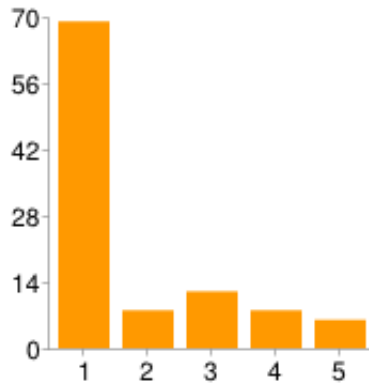
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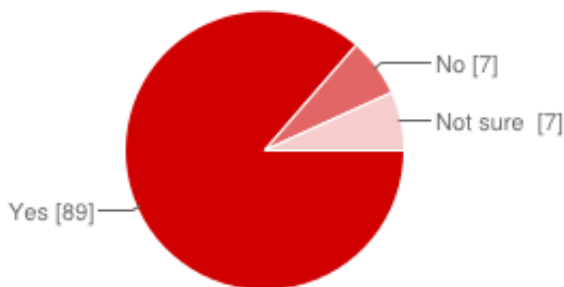
2014	22	21%
2015	30	29%
2016	44	42%

Level of interest in receiving a baccalaureate in Dental Hygiene from West LA College



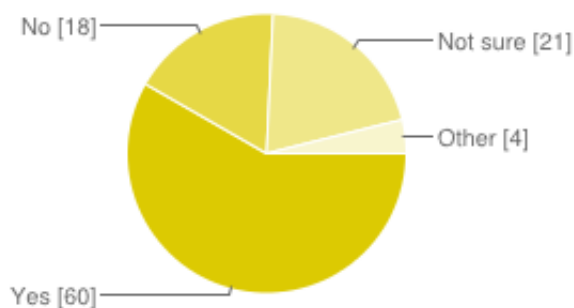
1	69	66%
2	8	8%
3	12	12%
4	8	8%
5	6	6%

If the bachelor degree program required a few more classes/units, would you still be interested in the B.S. program?



Yes	89	86%
No	7	7%
Not sure	7	7%

If the fees for the Dental Hygiene bachelor degree program at WLAC was equal to classes taken at the CSU, would you still be interested in the program?



Yes	60	58%
No	18	17%
Not sure	21	20%
Other	4	4%

What is your perspective on an A.S degree Vs. a B.S Degree in Dental Hygiene?

It would be nice to receive a BS our program measures to that but I wouldn't like it if it means being in the program longer

Obtaining a B.S degree greatly expands job opportunities for dental hygienist.

It will prepare me more in depth for my career. With a B.S. Degree I will be able to pursuit higher education.

I never wanted to settle for an A.S in dental hygiene- I was going to figure out a way to get my B.S eventually and I'm very happy Wla is considering it.

From an educational standpoint, I do not believe that there is much of a difference from a BS to an AS, since 2 years of the BS are general education requirements, so in the end you still take only 2 years of core classes. From an employer stand point, I believe that a BS would look better in hiring someone, but again, its just a piece of document, and that document does not show anyone what you know or don't know. The state exam is what determines your qualifications, and if you're able to pass it through an AS program rather than a BS program, then the degree should not matter.

If having the opportunity to receive a B.S. in dental hygiene i would rather be able to do this program to further my education and benefits the success in this career.

A bachelors degree will take me farther and give me more opportunities in my future. I plan to get my B.S. regardless but it would be nice to get it in Dental Hygiene from WLAC.

I feel that a B.S Degree will allow for more oppotunities for growth within the dental hygiene field, such as, being able to earn a Master's Degree in order to teach aspiring dental students.

Although the AS degree adequately prepares you for a career in the dental field, obtaining a BS degree in Dental Hygiene could separate one from the competitive field. More education typically means more oppotunities.

I feel like a BA degree in any subject goes further, or speaks louder, and an AS degree. Speaking from experience, some employers require a BA degree for certain positions.

Although the tuition of B.S degree will be higher than A.S degree, but B.S. degree allows us to stand out more from the rest when we are out there applying for a job.

More opportunities

My perspective of an A.S. degree versus a B.S. Degree in Dental Hygiene is that just because an A.S. may take a little less time and cost less money, it doesn't mean the education you receive is any less comprehensive or complete. As far as Dental Hygiene is concerned, I haven't seen a difference in pay or treatment in private practice with regard to an A.S. or B.S. degree.

I want to attain a bachelors degree no matter what. I feel the bachelors degree would open more opportunities in the work field vs an AS.

With a Bachelors degree in Dental Hygiene I would being me closer to my goal of obtaining a Master degree. If I were to only get a AS I would need to go get my BS in DH from a private university and basically repeat the same courses. With this program I would be able to achieve my goals in a more reasonable about of time and without all the debt and stress.

Higher pay

A bachelor degree in dental hygiene looks much better on a resume

Prerequisites + dental hygiene is about the same time as achieving a bachelors degree in biology it would really save a step for hygienist continuing education towards becoming a dentist.

I feel that the amount of time that goes into our degree equates more closely to B.S. Than an A.S. I am extremely interested in pursuing a B.S. And completing it at WLAC in dental hygiene is ideal.

We do the same amount of work, or more... We deserve the degree. I feel like it opens more opportunities job wise.

i don't have a BS degree and after I graduate I plan on pursuing a BS degree in dental hygiene! This would be an amazing opportunity!

A B.S Degree is a higher degree in comparison to an A.S Degree, which means I could probably get a higher paying job with a B.S Degree

I feel that there really isn't that much difference in an A.S vs. a B.S. in Dental hygiene. It isn't a requirement that someone who wants to practice dental hygiene in an office setting obtain a B.S. in dental hygiene. If it only took a few more classes for me to obtain the B.S. I would go ahead and do it though.

It is obviously better if you want to further your education after DH school. I already have a BA and don't want another because I don't want to pay more tuition. But it would be beneficial to students in the future but not necessarily to me because I already have a BA.

Is a great opportunity! I believe that wlac is a great college and the dental hygiene program is very challenging and is very much well deserved for is students to be able to obtain a higher

degree that can help us advance in our careers in the future. A BS degree can give one the opportunity to teach along with many other career options that require a BS. I am 100% for the BS from west and I would be very happy to obtain it and it will serve a great benefit to many of us.

From what I have been told the main reason you would need to get a B.S. in Dental Hygiene vs. an A.S. is if you would ever want to teach. Teaching Dental Hygiene is something I would be interested in possibly doing in the future. As of right now I have already gotten a B.S. in health science so at this point I am more interested in finishing the program as soon as possible so I can begin working as a dental hygienist. Going for an extra year or two to receive a B.S., even though I would love to have another B.S. degree, just seems unnecessary at this point in my life. If there was a way to take extra classes after I have received my A.S. and began work as a hygienist to further my education and work towards a B.S. I would be very interested in doing something like that.

I would be infinitely more interested in obtaining a BS degree as opposed to an AS degree. I've worked in dental offices for a few years now and I find that most doctors care more about you having your license to practice than which type of degree you have. One doctor even told me they do not pay any more per hour if you do have a BS. However, I would like to obtain a bachelor's degree after I finish the program just to give myself more options in case hygiene doesn't work out one day. I haven't decided exactly what I will want the bachelor's to be in yet. One reason West LA was my top choice school was because it is a community college which makes the tuition much more affordable for me at this time :)

A BS degree is a higher degree that requires more classes which is valued to be a higher degree as well.

I'm so glad we offer bachelor degree at this school.

My prospective on a A.S. degree vs a B.S. degree is that a Baccalaureate degree holds more weight when it comes to career selection and is something I would like to pursue if time permits. I feel that if its available at West Los Angeles College after completing a rigorous program like Dental Hygiene everyone who successfully completes the program should take advantage of this opportunity and most of all it would benefit Us that come from a low income background financially.

I strongly believe that a B.S. degree would better prepare an individual as a dental hygienist. Since the level of education is different between an A.S. and a B.S., it would also better prepare those who are interested in becoming dentists in the future.

I think a BS degree would be a great advantage to those completing the hygiene program- it's a lot of work and deserves the recognition. I already have a BA degree, so for me personally I have achieved that particular goal. I think financially it would be tough to achieve another BS Degree.

I already hold a B.A. degree from SDSU, so getting a B.S. degree would be most important if it helped me in finding a job. However, I am not particularly interested in paying CSU tuition.

An associates doesn't carry enough respect in today's society.

I prefer a B.S degree as career options increase. With a bachelors, I am able to teach dental hygiene at a community college level

a.s. degree should serve my needs but i want to serve my community to the best of my ability and for me, a few more classes would not be too much of a stretch to add to my personal curriculum that i would consider it unworthy. i think a b.s. degree will allow me to operate at maximum efficiency as a hygienist graduating from WLAC given my educational opportunities and if i could incorporate those classes into my academic planner during 4th semester or summer session directly after.

i would be definitely interested in receiving my bachelors that was my career plan and if I can receive it at west la college it would help me because not many colleges in Los angeles offer dental hygiene expecially with receiving your bachelora degree

B.S degree is a 4 year degree compared to a 2 year A.S degree. A B.S degree also opens the door for further employment opportunities such as teaching.

Bachelors degree is more high acknowledged than an associates degree. I was planning on going back to school to get my bachelors degree but if WLAC can grant degrees, I would be very grateful.

There no pay raise when working in clinic, how will this degree benefit me?

U have seen with my 12 years of experience that there is not really a difference in pay scale of an AS vs BS in Dental Hygiene. If there were a more dramatic change, I may be more apt to go with the BS in Dental Hygiene. I'm very interested in completing a BS in Dental Hygiene. A great way for WLAC is to offer online classes for the BS. There are many colleges that offer this and I think this is a great way for WLAC to increase there student load for the BS in Dental Hygiene and get more Students interested in the degree as well as increasing more finances coming into the college.

Shorter road to masters

The opportunities for a hygienist with a BS degree vs. an AS degree are greater in that a teaching career would be an option. Also, I feel that with a BS degree we will be more competitive in the job market.

Licensed dental hygienists with Bachelor of Science degrees are in demand by many types of employers , The Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene expands professional in research, community dental hygiene, teaching or care of the special needs patient.

I've already attain my B.S., Biology if only a couple units allow you to attain a BS in Debtal Hygiene, shoot for the stars

To obtain a B.S. in Dental Hygiene is great opportunity. I think it gives the graduate many

more options as to which opportunities this career leads them to.

An associate degree is enough to become a dental hygienist but if this program does become a bachelor program it could open such as achieving a masters in dental hygiene much faster since you already have your bachelors.

The dental hygiene program provided at West Los Angeles College is an extremely rigorous program requiring two full years of strictly dental hygiene classes. The classes required on the application for enrollment alone usually requires two to three years to complete. Upon completion of this program, students have a high volume of units in a specialized field, yet have no bachelor's completion program to transfer to without beginning all over again. Compared to an AS degree, hygienists with a BS have opportunities in fields such as teaching, research, and public health. A BS enables hygienists to effectively impact their communities outside of private practice.

If WLAC Dental Hygiene program was not an A.S. program I would have never applied. I don't have a degree. I like that this school offered an A.S. degree. It gives a lot more people the opportunity to attend a great program

A higher education and degree in the dental hygiene field. Can open more doors of employment.

BS >

A small difference in educational requirements which is well worth it because of larger rate of opportunities (teaching opportunities, higher compensation, higher professional recognition).

I think a B.S. in science would be great to earn & can benefit those who do not have a bachelor's degree.

When deciding schools that I wanted to attend I read a great number of debates about the AS vs BS degrees regarding Dental Hygiene. Besides for time and money, it seems that job opportunities do not exceed to employees with a BS degree. That is first reason I chose the cheaper yet more competitive route of WLAC's program vs USC's. However, if it is available to us I would be so delited and so happy if I could get a BS degree! A few extra classes won't be a harm but the extra fees and tuition make it harder to commit to. If we wanted to pay the USC fees to get a BS degree anyone really could have, its not any harder if not even easier to get into their program. Please consider this when making the decision. Thank you so much!!

Today, there is a lot of competition for a job in the dental hygiene field. Now that other colleges are offering a B.S. Degree in dental hygiene, it makes it difficult to compete for jobs. Having a B.S. Degree in Dental Hygiene would help us find better jobs and be able to compete with other schools that offer the B.S. Degree in Dental Hygiene. It would also help us pursue other careers like teaching, research, etc in the field. Having an A.S. Degree is great, but does not allow us to be on the same competition level for other schools that offer the B.S. Degree. Many perspective employers might choose someone with a B.S. Degree over

someone with an A.S. Degree, even if our school is more well known.

Recognition of hard work

I believe that a B.S. in Dental Hygiene will open up more doors for those who want to be in this field.

I believe that individuals who earned a B.S degree are far more likely to earn a higher salary than those with an A.S degree. I feel like the B.S provides and individual with greater opportunities to explore different branches of the chosen profession than those with an A.S degree. Teaching for example requires a higher degree than an A.S. it requires a B.S degree; Personally I feel like a B.S holds more weight than an A.S. Which is one of the reasons that I will be transferring to a University to obtain the B.S. I would be great if WLAC had a B.S Degree program for Dental Hygiene. Sincerely, Rosie Watson

I would be interested in it if the costs were similar to CSU and only required a few more classes. Currently it appears as though having a BS degree in Dental Hygiene offers more job opportunities outside of working at a dentist office, but job opportunity and job pay within a dentist office seem to be the same for those with an AS and a BS.

I believe B.S Degree would give more opportunities to practice and accelerate in my profession when I graduate as a Dental Hygienist.

With a B.S degree program, I will be able to go into related field such as teaching the clinical aspects of dental hygiene, sales and research. Versus A.S degree will limits, to practice dental hygiene in a private practices, public clinics or as an alternative practice.

From what I understand, continuing education to obtain a B.S Degree in Dental Hygiene is only necessary if you plan on teaching or continuing later to Dental School. Other than that, I'm not sure the benefit of a B.S vs an A.S for someone planing on being a hygienist as their long term career. From the other hygiene students I've spoken with, most aren't sure either.

An A.S degree would provide a great career in dental hygiene, however a B.S degree would provide even more opportunities.

An B.s gives more opportunity to have more hands-on experiences . Also, students have an great opportunity to expand and improve their knowledge academically on a B.s Vs. an A.s. A.S. is more entry level according to a B.S. which gives more background.

It looks much better on resume . It provides better opportunity for future .

I feel that a B.S. is automatically more respected in the real world by others. I do not personally feel that someone with a B.S. is more qualified over someone with an A.S. but it is perceived to be "better." Also, many places pay more when you have a B.S.

I think it's a wonderful idea to earn a BS degree in dental hygiene however I currently have a Bachelors degree and unfortunately this opportunity would not benefit me at this time. If I did not have a degree, I would choose to earn a B.S over an A.S.

Once my bachelor from another country needs to be validated I thought the program could

give me an American bachelor. I think it can open other opportunities than just work in a dental office.

BS offers better opportunities in terms of pursuing my education after graduation. Easier access to Master program Looks much better on resume

I believe people should work towards a B.S because maybe later in life they want to move on from their current job to get a better one and having a B.S would give you a higher chance on getting a job you like. I always think an A.S isn't really even a plausible degree nowadays, anybody can get them and employers are looking for someone who has more than an A.S, even more than a B.S sometimes.

I think a BS degree would open up a lot more doors for a student in terms of jobs and post-graduate degrees. It would only help us.

More widely recognized and respected credential for practically the same education.

I am considering a B.S degree in Dental Hygiene for opportunities to work in research and/or education in Dental Hygiene.

I think it's great. I would receive a BS with out having to go to a different school. Its a great benefit for those interested in this field. Specially in my situation going off to a four-year school would add even more time for me to obtain this degree. This would be more challenging since I'm a single mother. However,if this gets approved I would consider it a true blessing for me.

I WOULD LOVE FOR WEST LA COLLEGE TO BE GRANTED WITH THE BACHELORS DEGREE PILOT PROGRAM IN DENTAL HYGIENE. THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT MY INITIAL EDUCATIONAL GOAL WAS AND AFTER HAVING DONE RESEARCH, I DECIDED TO BECOME A STUDENT HERE AT WEST LA COLLEGE AND WORK TOWARDS ENTERING THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM. I AM CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF COMPLETING THE PROGRAM'S PRE-REQUISITES. I WILL BE APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM IN THE FALL OF 2016 AND JUST THE THOUGHT OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING A B.S. DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE THRILLS ME BEYOND HAPPINESS. BOTH ACADEMICALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY, BEING ABLE TO ACQUIRE A B.S. DEGREE FROM WEST LA COLLEGE IN THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM WOULD PROPEL STUDENTS IN THIS FIELD TO ADVANCE HIGHER IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAREERS WITH BETTER EDUCATED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE PROFESSIONALS. I AM A FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO GRADUATING FROM WEST LA COLLEGE'S DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM WITH A B.S. DEGREE IF THIS IS GRANTED.

I feel that employers may look more fondly upon a B.S. degree than an A.S. degree at first.

I feel as though the academic level may be higher for a bachelor, the curriculum for the program is just as hard and you would have to study hard regardless during this time.

A B.S degree in Dental Hygiene is highly desirable, especially in Los Angeles. It allows for

better job opportunities and better pay. With so very few prestigious B.S programs in dental hygiene, in Los Angeles, I firmly believe many will benefit from this proposed plan.

Having a B.S. degree will allow me to teach in the future.

I believe that the amount of classes and the difficulty of the classes taken at this program are equivalent to a B.S. degree. Thank you!

I feel that a B.S degree would give more room for development and growth in payment after graduation.

Not too happy but will do what I have to to get in

If dental hygiene is your passion, it doesn't matter if you have A.S or B.S degree. The thing that counts is if you are competent to do this job and you are licensed. In A.S degree, taking your prerequisites for 2 years and dental hygiene program for another 2 is more than enough to be like having a B.S degree.

As an immigrant, a degree is the most powerful source to represent myself. I was planning to continue my education after obtaining the license and job. If I can make my education period shorter, I would be able to start working earlier and would be able to have more time to prepare my retirement.

I would like to have a BS in dental hygiene instead of an AS.

The BS would give a college degree as well as a license. This degree would allow us to continue to graduate school if interested.

It will provide more opportunity.

I feel that the BS gives you a little bit more flexibility in your career; you can teach hygiene and lecture if you have the BS which is something that could be a great opportunity

B.S Degree in Dental Hygiene requires more knowledge compared to A.S degree.

Furthermore, with that knowledge that is more advanced it will give future Dental Hygienist like myself to have more opportunities in our field.

Well having an A.S is good but I think a B.S would be better because that means you make more money and you most likely would get hired because whoever hires you sees that you went for something higher and they may think you are taking it seriously.

I think the AS degree is quite an achievement. Personally, the AS degree is satisfactory enough. However, a BS degree is more widely respected and opens more doors than an AS degree. Therefore, to offer the BS degree at a CC would be beneficial to the students.

A B.S. Degree in Dental Hygiene may work out perfectly for students who have finished an A.A. or A.S. Degree and have decided to take a career change. I would give up pursuing my B.A. in Psychology right now if it meant I had a chance to get a B.S. in Dental Hygiene at WLAC. I have placed my dream of becoming a dental hygienist because of financial aid.

Number of daily responses

