## Chapter 747, Article 3: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

### 78040. For purposes of this article, “district” means any community college district identified by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges as participating in the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program. Each participating district may establish one baccalaureate degree pilot program pursuant to Section 78041.

### 78041. Notwithstanding Section 66010.4, and commencing January 1, 2015, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, in consultation with the California State University and the University of California, may authorize the establishment of district baccalaureate degree pilot programs that meet all of the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 78042.

- A district pilot program established pursuant to this article shall commence no later than the 2017–18 academic year.
- A student participating in a baccalaureate degree pilot program shall complete his or her degree by the end of the 2022–23 academic year. For purposes of this section, a pilot program commences when the first class of students begins the program.
- The statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program shall consist of a maximum of 15 districts, with one baccalaureate degree program each, to be determined by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and approved by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

### 78042. (a) A district shall seek approval to offer a baccalaureate degree program through the appropriate accreditation body.

- ACCJC – Notice of Intent and Substantive Change will be required.
- To be submitted upon LACCD and State Chancellor approval of Bachelor of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene (BASDH).
- Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) Substantive change process will be required. A Notice of Intent will be submitted upon LACCD and State Chancellor approval of the BASDH Pilot Program.
  
  *Currently, five states have CODA approved Dental Hygiene Bachelor programs in a community college setting.*

### 78042. (b) When seeking approval from the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, a district shall maintain the primary mission of the California Community Colleges specified in
<p>| 78042 (c) As a condition of eligibility for consideration to participate in the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program, a district shall have a written policy that requires all potential students who wish to apply for a Board of Governors Fee Waiver pursuant to Section 76300 to complete and submit either a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a California Dream Act application in lieu of completing the Board of Governors Fee Waiver application. | 78042 (c) LACCD and West Los Angeles College will adopt a written policy. |
| 78042 (d) A district shall not offer more than one baccalaureate degree program, as determined by the governing board of the district and approved by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and subject to the following limitations: (1) A district shall identify and document unmet workforce needs in the subject area of the baccalaureate degree to be offered and offer a baccalaureate degree at a campus in a subject area with unmet workforce needs. | 78042 (d) LACCD will offer only one baccalaureate degree program. |
| 78042 (d1) Jobs for Dental Hygienists (DH) are expected to grow much faster than average growth rate for all occupations. DH jobs are expected to increase by 23.4% between 2012-2022. (source LMI, EDD, Los Angeles and Orange County) |</p>
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<td>(2)</td>
<td>A baccalaureate degree pilot program shall not offer a baccalaureate degree program or program curricula already offered by the California State University or the University of California.</td>
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<td>78042 (d2)</td>
<td>No Dental Hygiene Programs exist at a CSU or UC. The dental hygiene courses (61 units) transfer as elective units and do not transfer to a major at a CSU or UC. Students electing to obtain a BS must take an additional 60 units for a total of 180 units.</td>
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<td>(3)</td>
<td>A district shall have the expertise, resources, and student interest to offer a quality baccalaureate degree in the chosen field of study.</td>
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<td>78042 (d3)</td>
<td>Expertise; The Dental Hygiene Program at West Los Angeles College faculty has the expertise to deliver a baccalaureate degree. WLAC DH faculty meet the National CODA Accreditation Standards to teach in both a community college and/or a university based Dental Hygiene Program.</td>
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<td>78042 (d3)</td>
<td>Resources WLAC has all of the necessary resources to deliver a BS in Dental Hygiene including: affiliation agreements, labs, lecture classrooms, support staff, and supplies.</td>
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<td>Student Interest A student survey (67 responses) conducted on 6-26-14 shows the following results: 67% are very interested in a BS program, 11% are interested in a BS program, 14% were neutral, 3% are somewhat interested, and 6% are not interested.</td>
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<td>78042 (d4)</td>
<td>LACC and West Los Angeles College will select and offer only the Bachelor's of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene.</td>
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<td>(4)</td>
<td>A district shall not offer more than one baccalaureate degree program within the district, which shall be limited to one campus within the district.</td>
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<td>A district shall notify a student who applies to the district's baccalaureate degree pilot program that the student is required to complete his or her baccalaureate degree by</td>
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<td>78042 (d5)</td>
<td>Upon applying to the WLAC BSDH, students will be informed of the requirement to complete his/her baccalaureate degree by the end of the 2022-23 academic year. WLAC is well positioned to surpass this goal. Students entering the DH program are well prepared to meet this requirement. Based on current trends it is</td>
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the end of the 2022–23 academic year, as specified in Section 78041.

projected to award between 180-240 BS in Dental Hygiene degrees by the 2022-2023 academic year. Starting 2017 the college can grant between 40 BS degrees annually. If SB 850 provides the opportunity to retroactively award degrees, WLAC could potentially grant BS in DH degrees for past graduates that met degree requirements. An average of 22 graduates per year for the past 10-20 years could be eligible to be awarded a BS degree.

(e) A district shall maintain separate records for students who are enrolled in courses classified in the upper division and lower division of a baccalaureate program. A student shall be reported as a community college student for enrollment in a lower division course and as a baccalaureate degree program student for enrollment in an upper division course.

(e) The Dental Hygiene Program will continue to maintain separate records for students enrolled in the lower division and upper division of a baccalaureate program. Students enrolled in lower division courses will be enrolled as community college students. Students enrolled in upper division courses will be enrolled as baccalaureate students. WLAC has the infrastructure to maintain student records within the Allied Health Division. Department support staff monitor and maintain records in accordance with CODA accreditation standards. Including; program applications, transcripts, informational workshops, student immunization documents, and other requirements.

(f) A governing board of a district seeking authorization to offer a baccalaureate degree pilot program shall submit all of the following for review by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and approval by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges:

1. Documentation of the district’s written policy required by subdivision (c).
2. The administrative plan for the baccalaureate degree pilot program, including, but not limited to, the governing board of the district’s funding plan for its specific district.
3. A description of the baccalaureate degree pilot program’s curriculum, faculty,

(f) LACCD and West Los Angeles College shall submit all of the following documents for review and approval by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and approval by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges:

1. LACCD and West Los Angeles College will develop and adopt a written policy in accordance with 78042 (c)
2. LACCD and West Los Angeles College will develop an administrative plan for the BS pilot program to include the governing board of the district’s funding plan.
3. Refer to the attached West Los Angeles College BASDH. The curriculum is approved and meets all CODA accreditation standards for a degree in dental hygiene. Faculty
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<th>and facilities.</th>
<th>meet the CODA guidelines. The Dental Hygiene Program Director has a Master's degree (required by CODA) and all full-time faculty have a Masters or Doctorate. courses all have Masters' degrees, clinical faculty have Bachelor</th>
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<td>(4) The enrollment projections for the baccalaureate degree pilot program.</td>
<td>(4) The pilot program BS in Dental Hygiene will enroll a cohort of 40 students annually. It is projected that 95% of entering students will complete the program after two years. This outcome measure is consistent with the current program outcomes (success rate of 90-95% for the past 10 years).</td>
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<td>(5) Documentation regarding unmet workforce needs specifically related to the proposed baccalaureate degree pilot program, and a written statement supporting the necessity of a four-year degree for that program.</td>
<td>(5) Access to healthcare initiatives in the state of California for underserved populations require at minimum a BS degree to provide dental services. Granting a BS to dental hygiene students would meet the state demand for dental providers in underserved communities and special population groups. The Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice license in the state of California requires a BS degree or equivalent. The Obama Healthcare Initiative requires a diverse group of healthcare providers in prevention of disease. Employment in Public Health agencies and Community Based Organizations requires a BS degree or above.</td>
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<td>(6) Documentation of consultation with the California State University and the University of California regarding collaborative approaches to meeting regional workforce needs.</td>
<td>(6) CSUs and UCs do not have a transfer pathway for AS to BS degree in Dental Hygiene or Oral Healthcare. The dental hygiene curriculum units transfer as electives and not to a specified degree. Graduates with an AS degree are at a disadvantage and must take approximately 60 units at a CSU or UC to be awarded a BS degree. UCLA School of Public Health only offer a Master's Degree, UCLA School of Dentistry offers a Master's in Oral Biology, California State Los Angeles cancelled the Oral Provider Pathway, California State Northridge offers a Master's in Public Health, UC San Francisco offers a Master's in Dental Hygiene. None of the California CSUs or UCs offer a BS in Dental Hygiene. Several provide a Master's pathway in Public Health and Health Services Administration.</td>
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<td>(g) (1) On or before March 31, 2015, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges shall develop, and</td>
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adopt by regulation, a funding model for the support of the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program that is based on a calculation of the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in all district pilot programs.

(2) Funding for each full-time equivalent student shall be at a marginal cost calculation, as determined by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, that shall not exceed the community college credit instruction marginal cost calculation for a full-time equivalent student, as determined pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 84750.5.

(3) A student in a baccalaureate degree pilot program authorized by this article shall not be charged fees higher than the mandatory systemwide fees charged for baccalaureate degree programs at the California State University.

(4) Fees for coursework in a baccalaureate degree pilot program shall be consistent with Article 1 (commencing with Section 76300) of Chapter 2 of Part 47.91

(g2) FTES shall be at a marginal cost calculation, that shall not exceed the community college credit instruction marginal cost calculation for a full-time equivalent student, as determined pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 84750.5.

(g3) A student in a baccalaureate degree pilot program will not be charged fees higher than the mandatory system wide fees charged for baccalaureate degree programs at the CSU.

(g4) LACCD will establish a fee structure consistent with Article 1, Section 76300 of Chapter 2 of Part 47.91