The Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene Degree Completion Pathway Program was approved by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC).
When you’re ready to move to the next level, West has the Bachelor’s Degree program for you.

Designed with working dental hygienist in mind, our Bachelor Degree completion program is fully online. While the instruction is on par with local universities, the cost is thousands less and the program can be completed in just 12 months.

In recognition of over a decade of recognized excellence in dental hygiene education, West Los Angeles College is one of only two CA Community Colleges authorized to offer a Bachelor’s Degree in Dental Hygiene.

In addition to working as a clinical dental hygienist, earning your Bachelor’s Degree can open new opportunities and higher levels of employment and compensation in

- Registered Dental Hygienists Alternative Practice (RDHAP)
- Public Health Administration
- Research
- Sales
- Product Education
- Academia

“**This program made it possible to finally receive my bachelor’s degree!** The online format made managing school while continuing to work a reality. Thank you WLAC for helping me reach my goal.”

**ADMISSION**

**Requirements:**
1. Applicant must have graduated with an Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene from a CODA accredited dental hygiene program.
2. Must be a licensed dental hygienist (RDH) in any state in the U.S.
3. Completion of lower division General Education Transfer Breadth Curriculum or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)
4. Cumulative College GPA: 2.75
5. Prerequisite courses: Statistics course (Math 227) and Critical Thinking course (English 103)

**Program Fee:**
Course fees are $130 per unit.
BSDH Degree completion program tuition cost is calculated as:
40 units x $130 = $5,200.

*Classes may require books or additional materials.*

**CURRICULUM**

The program can be completed in one year full-time or two years as part-time. Courses are offered year-round. Students are required to complete 40 Upper Division College Units.

**Core Courses**
- BIO 408: Pharmacology ................................................. 3 units
- ANTHRO 322: Cultural Perspectives in Health & Healing ........ 3 units
- ENGLISH 420: Research Design and Methodology ................ 3 units
- DH 304: Dental Health Education & Practicum .................. 2 units
- DH 305: Community Dental Health ................................. 3 units
- DH 323: Dental Practice Management & Leadership ............ 3 units
- DH 355: Preventive Dentistry & Nutrition .......................... 3 units
- DH 421: Dental Hygiene Capstone ................................. 5 units
- DH 450: Advanced Periodontal Seminar ........................... 1 unit
- DH 452: Law and Ethics for Dental Hygiene ....................... 2 units
- DH 460: Dental Hygiene Leadership Study & Practice ........... 3 units
- DH 462: Survey of Oral Health Care Systems .................... 3 units
- DH 461: Teaching Methodology for Health professions .......... 3 units
- DH 463: Health Careers Research & Capstone .................... 3 units