

**West Los Angeles College  
Advisory Board Survey:  
Interest in Dental Hygiene Baccalaureate Degree**

- 13 respondents, all in support of West LA College offering a 4 year degree in Dental Hygiene.
- The representation of the advisory board is very diverse with dentist, Dental hygienist, WLAC Faculty, corporate members and other.
- Comments include:
  - “West LA is uniquely situated both geographically and academically to pilot a bachelors degree in dental hygiene. The student receive a strong academic program with proven high pass rates in their board exams and receive enough credits for a BS degree as it stands now but are robbed of that degree.”
  - “I am very much in support of West Los Angeles offering a four year bachelors degree. I believe a bachelors degree program will enhance the options for dental hygiene applicants and also expand graduates opportunities.”
  - “The Dental Hygiene Program is a very intensive program and feels like a graduate degree program, which offers a wide range of knowledge and information. It seems only right that the student would achieve a higher degree than only an AS degree.”
  - “It would serve as a pipeline for dental hygienists who are interested in teaching and in more advanced degrees.”
  - “This could be a great opportunity to provide a truly affordable advanced degree in dental hygiene to the community. A Bachelor Degree can open the career opportunities for the dental hygienist in education (as a representative of a dental products company, or in college educational programs), sales, research, etc. Often times, those possibilities will require a Bachelor Degree. In addition, this could put a dental hygienist one step closer to obtaining a Masters Degree.”