



BSDH Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

Learn by doing. Our Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program is designed for hands-on education, combining simulation lab practice with real-life experience at the West Coast University Dental Hygiene Clinic. Gain both the skills and the confidence to pursue a fulfilling career in dental hygiene.



Mission Statement

At West Coast University, we embrace a student-centric learning partnership that leads to professional success. We deliver transformational education within a culture of integrity and personal accountability. We design market-responsive programs through collaboration between faculty and industry professionals. We continuously pursue more effective and innovative ways through which students develop the competencies and confidence required in a complex and changing world.



Values

A Student-Centric Culture

We believe it is our institutional responsibility to identify, understand, and respond to student needs.

The Communities We Serve

We take our responsibility to make a positive impact on the communities that surround us very seriously.

Innovation and Creativity

We are committed to bringing innovation and creativity to the development and delivery of instruction including offering a blend of courses in-person and online.



Accreditations

Accreditation provides an objective, third-party endorsement to students and their parents of an institution's commitment to deliver a quality education.

West Coast University is institutionally accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)¹ and holds programmatic accreditation from Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA),² among others.

For a full list of our accreditors visit:
westcoastuniversity.edu/about/accreditation/

Why Choose WCU?

At West Coast University, every part of our program is designed with student success in mind. Our faculty collaborate with industry professionals to create market-responsive programs that help give you industry-current preparation. We continuously pursue more effective and innovative ways through which students can develop the competencies and confidence required in the evolving healthcare field.



The West Coast University Difference

West Coast University works diligently to stay at the forefront of the healthcare industry.



Multiple Starts Per Year

Not everyone is ready to start their bachelor's at the same time. With multiple starts throughout the year, we are ready when you are



Simulation Labs

Work through real-life situations and challenges to master your skills and gain confidence before even stepping foot in a dental office.



Dental Hygiene Clinic

Gain real-life experience while giving back when you work at our dental hygiene clinic, offering no-cost services to the community.



Focused Curriculum

Earn your degree in as little 34 months — that's just under three years!



Career Services

Get lifetime career planning advice, including resume writing guidance, interview coaching, and more.



Financial Aid

Financial aid and scholarships are available for those who qualify.

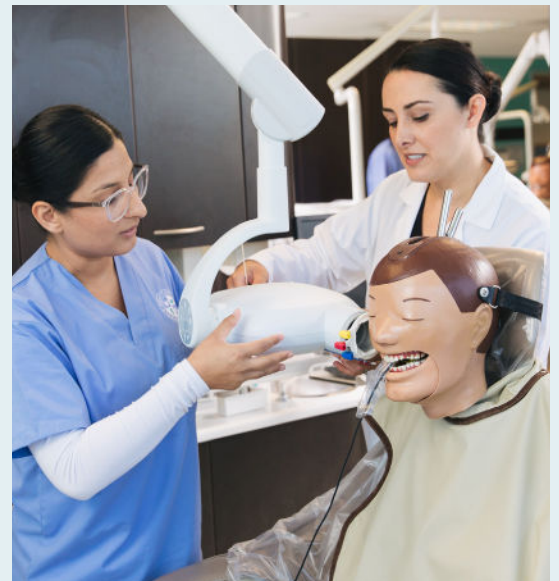
A Hands-On Approach to Learning

West Coast University's simulation lab is equipped with a practice station for each student. This means every student has the opportunity to practice and master skills through hands-on learning.

Once our students are ready, they get real-life experience at the West Coast University Dental Hygiene Clinic where they provide dental care under the supervision of licensed dentists and dental hygienists. The clinic provides no-cost services to community members who might otherwise not have access to dental care. Students get to experience every aspect of patient care — from scheduling appointments to educating on oral hygiene — all while giving back to the community.

Graduates of the dental hygiene program would receive the education and skills needed to pass their licensure exams and to pursue rewarding careers as Registered Dental Hygienists (RDHs).





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By educating my patients on how they can improve their oral health, I feel that I am making an impact on the world, one patient at a time³.

— **Nikki C.**
BSDH '15, MSDH Dental Hygienist
West Coast University Alumna

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Link to O*Net OnLine	SOC Code
www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-1292.00	29-1292.00
Program Costs	Estimated Total Program Cost
Program cost includes tuition, fees, books, supplies, and shipping for the entire program. Assumes full-time credit load and normal completion	\$141,133.50
CALIFORNIA — BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (BPPE)	
On-time Completion Rate	35%
The number of students who completed the program within 100% of the published program length within 2020 divided by the number of students who began the program who were scheduled to complete the program within 100% of the published program length within 2020 and excludes all students who cancelled during the cancellation period, minus the number of students who have died, been incarcerated, or been called to active military duty.	
Job Placement Rate	89%
Placement Rate – the number of students who completed the program within 100% or 150% of the published program length who were scheduled to graduate in 2020 and are gainfully employed in the field divided by the number of graduates available for employment. Graduates employed in the field means graduates who beginning within six months after a student completes the applicable educational program are gainfully employed, whose employment has been reported, and for whom the institution has documented verification of 35 days employment. For occupations for which the state requires passing an examination, the six months' period begins after the announcement of the examination results for the first examination available after a student completes an applicable educational program.	
Licensure Passage Rate	NBDHE ^A 98.3% WREB ^B 100%
The number of graduates who passed the exam divided by the number of graduates who took the reported licensing exam.	
A National Board of Dental Hygiene Exam B Western Regional Examination Board	
1 West Coast University is accredited by WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), a regional accreditation body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), 1001 Marina Village Parkway Suite 402, Alameda, CA 94501, 510-748-9001, www.wscuc.org	
2 The Dental Hygiene program offered at the West Coast University Orange County campus is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678, 800-621-8099 or 312-440-4653, www.ada.org/en/coda/accreditation/	
3 The opinion is the individual's sole opinion and not necessarily representative of that of the school, any instructor or any other student.	
WCU provides career guidance and assistance but cannot guarantee employment. Financial aid and scholarships are available for those who qualify.	

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