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### Dental Assisting Program Review

Integrated Planning & Budget Taskforce

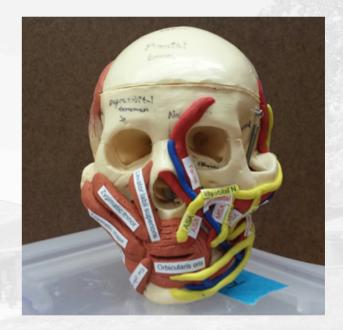


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### **Programs Strengths**

- Ability to pivot during pandemic and return to campus when many other dental programs have not graduated 2019-20 grads
- Upward trend in labor demand & excellent employment rate upon graduation
- Pathway from AS Dental Assisting to BS Dental Hygiene
- Spanish, Vietnamese and Farsi bilingual female and male tutors
- CTE units, Stackable certificates and financial aid need = additional points with Governor's funding formula





### Programs' Actions for Improvement Identified

- Student success: Spring/Summer bridge program to ease transition into assisting program consisting of DA 200L and program support
- Equity: Ongoing conversations with faculty about implicit bias especially toward implications for mentoring future students as educators
- Equity: Internal programmatic strategies to support success among students of color and male students
- Equity: Offer an apprenticeship pathway for students who need to work full-time while attending college
  - Offer dual enrollment using partnerships with Job Corp and other high school or adult ed. Programs



#### **Program Data**

Between 2014-15 and 2018-19 (5-years), there were a total of 140 dental assisting awards conferred. Of these students, a total of 50% have enrolled at Foothill again. What this also means is that *each year*, about one-third of the graduating class enrolled at Foothill after they graduated. Employment rate 81% The data could indicate that the graduates who are not employed are attending school full-time to pursue higher education (13-17% past grads currently in DH program

#### Link to graduate data

Allied Health Access b Demographic 2015-16 2019-20	Access by Demographic 2015-16-2019			% African American Students		% Latinx Students	
Dental Assisting	Dental Assi	Dental Assisting		3.6%		25.6%	
Foothill	Foothill		4.5%		24.7%		
Allied Health Success by Demographic (5 year average)	Allied Health Course Success by Demographic, 2015-16-2019- 20 (5-yr average)	Overall Success %		African Am. Student Success %		Latinx Student Success %	
Dental Assisting	Dental Assisting	91.9		97.3		92.0	
Foothill	Foothill	80.5		68.2		74.1	

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### **Resources Needed**

- Funding for Spring/Summer 200L & Summer stipend for faculty team teaching course- 3 hour lab (.046 load)
- Funding for dental assisting apprenticeship pathway load TBA
- Funding for Clinic expansion Additional clinic with 6-8 treatment rooms located at Foothill or Sunnyvale Center which will be used to train future dental assisting students and also offer low-cost dental restorative procedures using a sustainable funding model.
  - Help address national problem with access to dental care. Dental decay is #1 chronic health problem in U.S.
- Student success for disproportionately impacted students: Continual funding for bilingual tutors
- Student success: Funding for take-home dental equipment and lab supplies to allow students to practice at home



## Questions

