

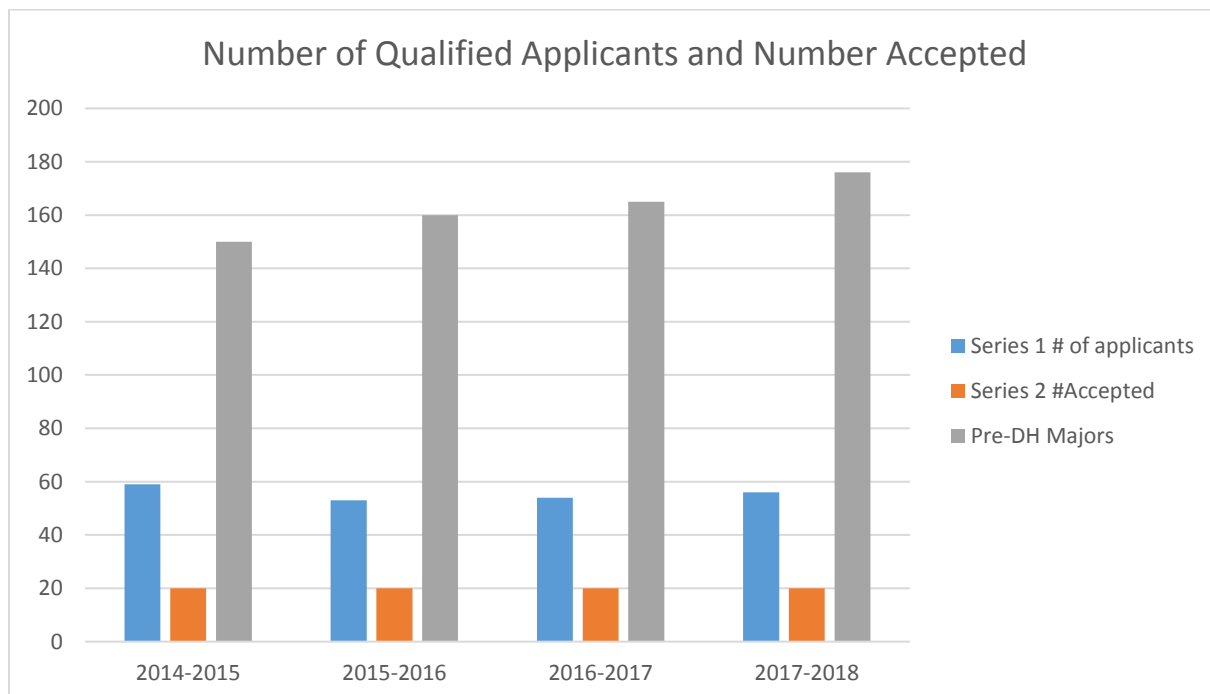
Dixie State University
Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene
Differential Tuition

Section I: Request

The Dixie State University Dental Hygiene Department receives no operating budget beyond payment of faculty salaries and benefits. The program is dependent on course fees for all other expenses. It is proposed that course fees be discontinued and program differential tuition be implemented. This tuition must cover salary and benefits for two administrative personnel and one faculty member. It covers all student issued instruments, supplies, equipment, and uniforms. It covers capital equipment, maintenance, repair and replacement. It covers all costs of instruction. It covers all department expenses including all office supplies, accreditation fees, state licensure and inspection of x-ray equipment, all clinic computers, a server and software licenses.

Section II: Student and Market Demand for the Program

The DSU Dental Hygiene Program accepts 20 students per year. There are always at least twice as many applicants as available positions in the cohort. There are five programs in Northern Utah. DSU has the only program serving residents of the southern part of the state. DSU dental hygiene graduates consistently find employment in the area and outside of the area. Post graduate surveys indicate that six months post-graduation, all have found at least part-time employment in the field of Dental Hygiene.



Section III: Impact of Differential Tuition Rates on Student Access and Retention:

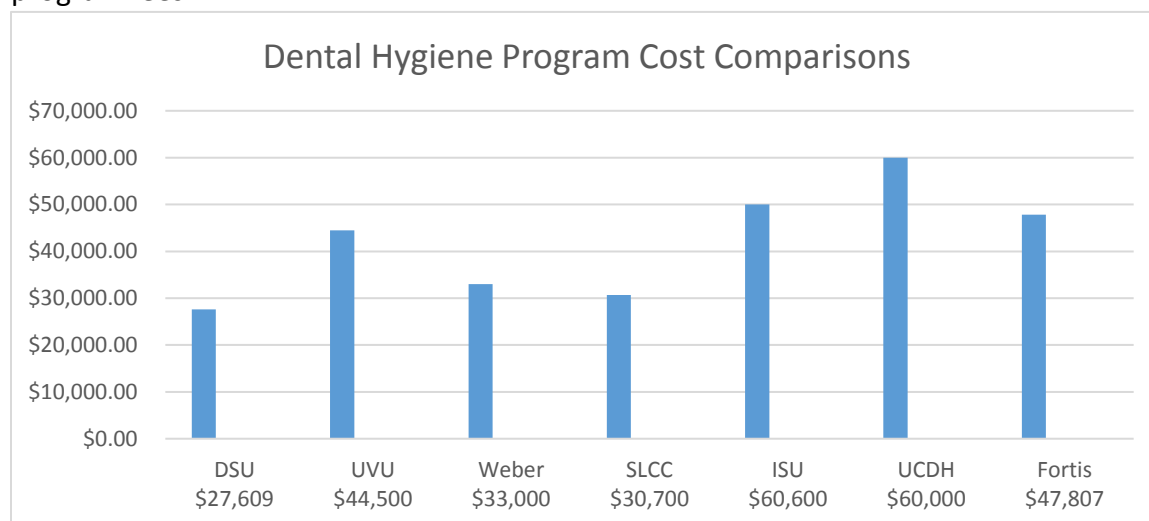
Differential tuition must be planned carefully in order for the DSU Dental Hygiene program to remain competitive with other institutions. It must be rolled out and explained adequately in order for students to make informed decisions regarding which school to attend. Students will need to be taught how to compare differential tuition to other institutions' base tuition and course or program fees. If this is not understood by students, a decrease in applications and enrollment in prerequisite course may decrease.

Section IV: Tuition Rates of Comparable Programs at Other Institutions:

DSU base tuition and fees are lower than other institutions. Even with the proposed differential tuition, DSU is the most economical program in the state. In addition, DSU is the only entry level Baccalaureate program. There are three other programs sponsored at public institutions in the state. Program costs at the two private programs in the state are much higher. Idaho State University has the most comparable program to DSU's in the region. Differential tuition is utilized there, it is a baccalaureate program and Expanded Functions are taught there. They are the only ones to use the differential tuition model. The program at ISU charges \$250.00 per dental hygiene credit. DSU is proposing \$215.00 per credit. Under the current model, DSU dental hygiene is \$187.00 per credit. This constitutes a \$28.00 per credit planned increase.

DSU is the only program in Utah teaching expanded functions courses in the state which prepares students in restorative skills and the only program that operates a mobile clinic. Furthermore, there is no institutional operating budget allotted to the Dental Hygiene Department.

The tuition and fees of the DSU Dental Hygiene department are all inclusive. Many of the other schools' students must pay an additional \$5,000 to \$6,000 extra for instruments beyond program fees.



*Data retrieved online; base tuition and fees plus Dental Hygiene program course or program fees (DSU and ISU data based on differential tuition).

Section V: Potential Earnings Capacity of Program Graduates:

New graduates from the dental hygiene program usually start between \$30.00 and \$40.00 per hour depending on location. The starting salary in many other states is higher. Some hygienists work on commission which can be higher. A full time entry level hygienist can expect between \$52,000.00 and \$70,000.00 per year.

Section VI: Societal Importance of the Program:

The DSU Dental Hygiene program is one of the premier programs in the nation. Students always score above national averages on Nation and Regional Board examinations. In addition to providing an excellent education for student, the public dental hygiene clinic and community outreach activities provide much needed oral care for underserved populations. The program is an integral part of the dental care delivery system in the area.

Section VII: Noteworthy Facts:

Dixie State University is the only public institution in Utah that offers an entry level BS degree in Dental Hygiene. Weber, UVU, SLCC, and Fortis are AAS degree programs. Students graduating from those programs would need to take additional BS degree completion courses of study in order to achieve the baccalaureate degree. DSU Dental Hygiene is the only program in Utah offering expanded functions courses. It is also the only program operating a mobile clinic community outreach program.