

REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST IN ALTERNATIVE PRACTICE (RDHAP) PROGRAM

Program Overview

Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice (RDHAP) Program
(<https://www.pacific.edu/dental/continuing-education/rdhap-program/>)

Led by Elena Francisco, RDHAP, MS, this online program is designed for dental hygienists interested in expanding their knowledge and ability to treat people with complex physical, medical or psychological needs and patients in underserved communities. It fulfills the Dental Hygiene Board of California's 150-hour education requirement needed to apply for an RDHAP license.

This virtual program, offered twice a year, consists of live interactive webinars, online modules and a field of study, and is designed to reach professionals in both urban and rural areas. The live interactive webinars enable students to meet their peers and instructors virtually.

Primary topic areas covered in this program include: dental hygiene practice and theory; treating medically complex patients, geriatric patients and children with and without special needs; oral pathology; pharmacology; information management; developmental disabilities and oral health care; medical and dental emergencies; and business administration for dental hygienists.

The Dugoni School of Dentistry Difference:

- A personalized program for RDHs led by practicing RDHAPs
- An RDHAP program offered by an accredited university and top-ranked dental school
- An online program approved by the Dental Hygiene Board of California
- Interest-free payment plans available to qualified candidates
- Funding available through the Sallie Mae Smart Option Student Loan
- Convenient virtual program accessible from anywhere in California

The Dugoni School of Dentistry program is open to any oral health professional interested in oral health for people with complex needs and is not limited to individuals who will be applying for the RDHAP license.