Dental Hygiene Student Characteristics by Type of Sponsoring Institution

Using data from the 2021-22 Survey of Dental Hygiene Education Programs, we examined student characteristics by type of sponsoring institution. Five different types of programs are compared in this infographic, three of which are public (those at a university, technical college or institute, or community college), and two of which are private (non-profit and for-profit colleges and universities).

The percentage of first-year students under 24 was highest at public universities, while private for-profit programs had the highest percentage 24 or older.

The percentage of historically underrepresented racial and ethnic groups: Hispanic, Black or African-American, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander was higher at private for-profit colleges than any other type of program.

Students with job or family care responsibilities are common, regardless of the type of institution; between nearly one-half and over two-thirds of students at each type of school have them.

The majority of students receive financial aid at each type of program, with students at private schools most likely to have it.

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