USING DATA FROM THE 2017-18 SURVEY OF DENTAL HYGIENE EDUCATION PROGRAMS, we examined program 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/Vocational School, or Community College), and two of which are private (non-profit and for-profit).

PERCENTAGE OF APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED was lowest at public community colleges, while private non-profit institutions had the highest acceptance rate.

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIOS were nearly identical for three types of programs, highest at private for-profit programs, and lowest at community colleges.

AVERAGE FIRST-YEAR CAPACITY at public community colleges and technical colleges was about half that of private for-profit institutions.

TOTAL PROGRAM LENGTH (IN WEEKS) was slightly longer at private schools than at public institutions.

PERCENTAGE OF DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAMS THAT REQUIRE PREREQUISITE COLLEGE COURSES Most programs at public, as well as private non-profit, institutions required prerequisite college courses prior to entry in the program. Fewer private for-profit institutions mandated prerequisite courses.

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