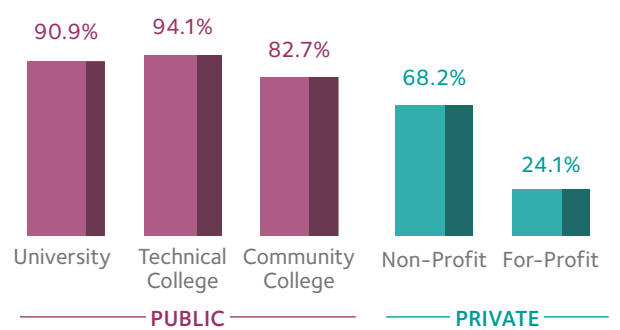
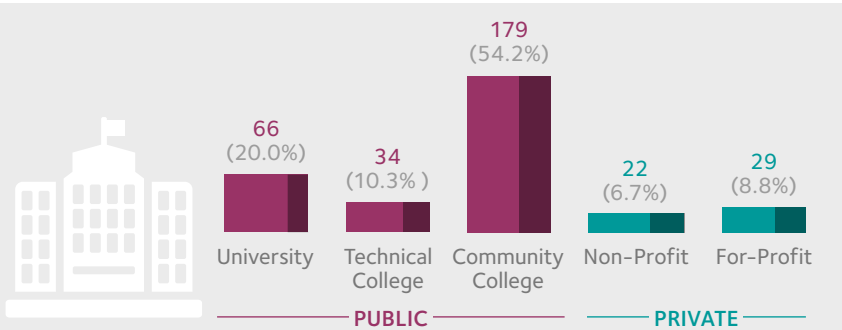
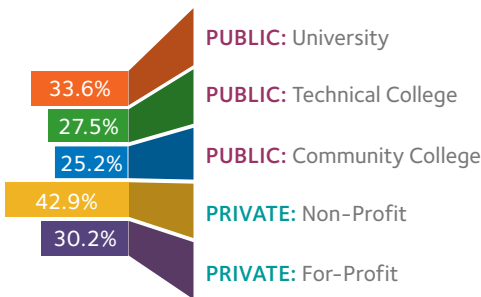


Dental Hygiene Education Program Characteristics



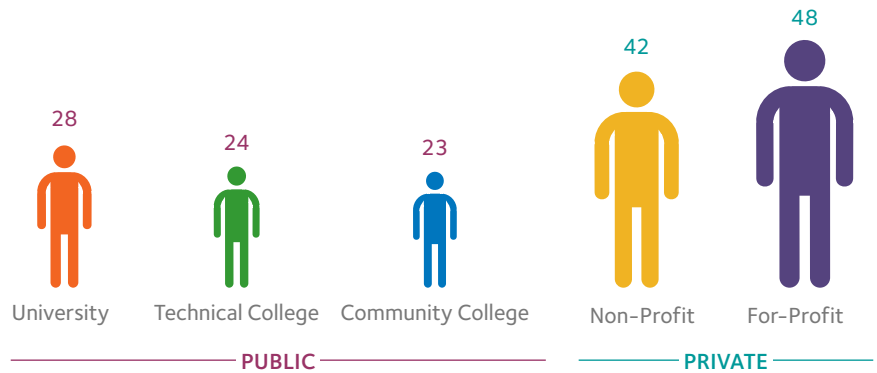
USING DATA FROM THE 2017-18 SURVEY OF DENTAL HYGIENE EDUCATION PROGRAMS, we examined program characteristics by type of sponsoring institution. Five different types of programs are compared in this infographic, three of which are public (those at a University, Technical College/Vocational School, or Community College), and two of which are private (non-profit and for-profit).

PERCENTAGE OF 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.



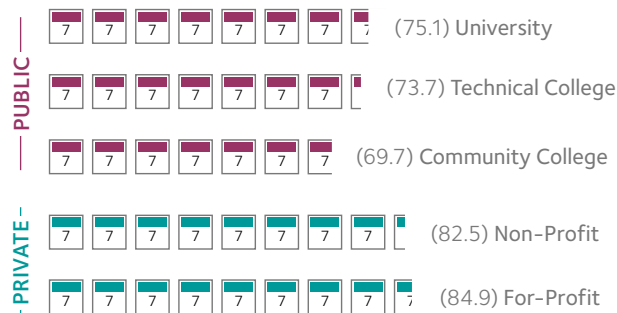
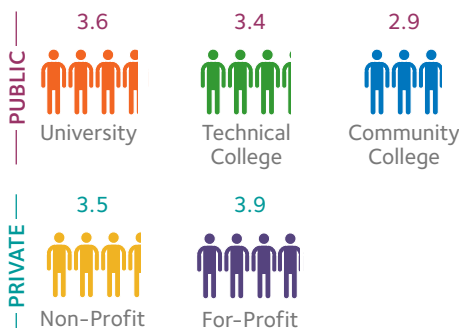
PERCENTAGE OF APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED was lowest at public community colleges, while private non-profit institutions had the highest acceptance rate.

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



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

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



Source: American Dental Association, Health Policy Institute, 2017-18 Survey of Allied Dental Education.