

## **GREAT FALLS COLLEGE**

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY** 

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## Great Falls College MSU Dental Hygiene Expansion

#### Need:

Great Falls College MSU offers the only Dental Hygiene program in Montana. It is a two-year degree which offers graduates a rewarding career with strong earnings potential. 2018 data shows, Montana expected to see job growth of approximately 7.1%, or 75 new Dental Hygienist career openings annually.

Thirty-five prospective students applied to the Dental Hygiene program for Fall 2018. Due to constrained space, the college accepted 18 students. Currently, there are 16 students in the second year of the program. Retention and graduation rates are historically near the 95% mark and 100% of those then pass their licensure exams.

The current space dedicated to Dental Hygiene no longer meets the demands of modern teaching practices, technology, space needs and also does not provide privacy for clinic and student patients. The proposed addition would be located to the north of the current northeast portion of the original building and would create 24 operatories, 4 dedicated x-ray labs, new office, conference and patient waiting

#### **Current Capacity:**

- 3,109 square feet
- 16 dental operatories
- Fall 2018 student intake: 18
- First & second year Dental Hygiene student population: 34

## Proposed Addition Capacity

- 10,000 square foot dental facility
- Dedicated lab & clinic space
- 8 additional operatories
- Potential annual Dental Hygiene intake of 26
- Potential annual Dental Hygiene student population of 52
- Space to meet ADA and HIPPA requirements

Total Estimated Costs \$4,765,500

Legislative Ask & Private Fundraising \$4,250,000 \$515,500

## **New Opportunities**

- The Dental addition creates an opportunity to repurpose the current dental space for larger, more student friendly support areas:
  - Academic Success Center
  - Veterans Success Center

#### Return on Investment (Median Earnings)

Dental Hygiene Graduates 2017/2018: \$51,415

Average MUS Graduates 2013/2014: \$33,241

GFC MSU Dental Hygiene Graduates earn approximately 55% more than their graduating peers across Montana.

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# **Program Outlook**

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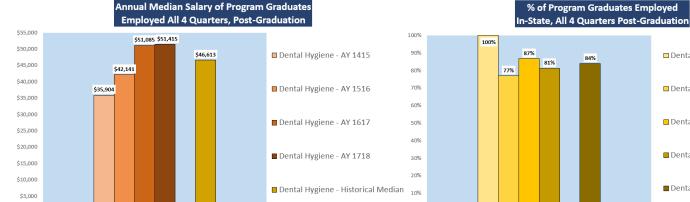
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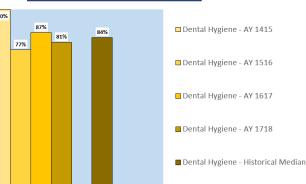
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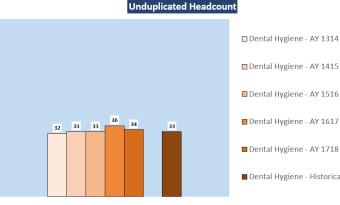






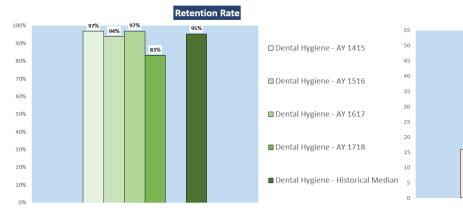
Average Annual Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)







- Dental Hygiene AY 1617
- Dental Hygiene AY 1718
- Dental Hygiene Historical Median





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Number of Degrees Granted

- Dental Hygiene AY 1213
- Dental Hygiene AY 1718
- Dental Hygiene Historical Median

All data and information produced from:

- GFC MSU Office of Institutional Research
- Montana Office of the Commissioner for Higher Education
- Montana Department of Labor and Industry data
- Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. •

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