

# STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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**TOPIC:** Bachelor of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene

**PRESENTED BY:** Lisa Jones, Ed.D., President – Colorado Northwestern Community College; Landon K. Pirius, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

**RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:** Transform the Student Experience. Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships. Redefine Our Value Proposition Through Accessibility, Affordability, Quality, Accountability, Resource Development, and Operational Excellence.

**EXPLANATION:**

Pursuant to CCCS's role and mission (§23-60-201, C.R.S.), CCCS may offer technical, career, and workforce development Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree programs. Authority for the Colorado Community College System to offer BAS degrees was made possible by SB14-004 (Community College Four-year Programs), which was signed by the Governor on February 27, 2014.

CNCC is seeking approval for a BAS in Dental Hygiene to create further educational opportunities for registered dental hygienists (R.D.H.) by reducing barriers for students while creating an accessible, affordable, and quality program. Program will allow students to explore course options in teaching and clinical excellence, while providing a programmatic philanthropic opportunity.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to the Board for approval of a BAS degree in Dental Hygiene for Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC). The legislative criteria for approval of a BAS degree are set forth below, with a summary of the supporting data demonstrating that the criteria have been met. Additional information is provided in the appendices.

**Attachments:**

CNCC BASDH Supporting Documents FINAL 9.22