

Dental Health Aide Therapist Training Program



SOUTHWESTERN INDIAN POLYTECHNIC
INSTITUTE

Overview of SIPI

- National Indian Community College established in 1971, located in Albuquerque, NM
- Federally – funded and operated by the Bureau of Indian Education, U.S. Dept. of the Interior
- Operate on a trimester system (three 15-week terms)
- Regional Accreditation: Higher Learning Commission
- Specialized Accreditation: Commission of Opticianry
- 164 acres; 22 Buildings including an I.H.S. Dental Clinic



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Mission

The Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute prepares our culturally diverse Native American students as life-long learners through partnerships with tribes, employers and other organizations. We establish a strong educational foundation for student success.



SIPI Board of Regents

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Certification and Degree Programs

Associate Applied Science (AAS) Degrees

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Culinary Arts
- Natural Resources Management
- Geo-Spatial Information
- Technology Vision Care
- Network Management
- Instrumentation and Control Technology

Associate of Arts (AA) Degrees

- Liberal Arts
- Early Childhood Education

Associate of Science (AS) Degrees

- Business Administration
- Pre-Engineering

Certificate Programs are also available

Costs

No Tuition Charged

Fees Charged Per Trimester

Residential Full-time: \$590.00

Commuter Full-time: \$365.00

Commuter Part-time: \$290.00

Textbook Lending Program

Meal Plan

Residential Program

Faculty, Staff and Students

FACULTY AND STAFF

Faculty-Native American:

- 7 of the 21 FT Faculty
- 3 of the 30 Adjunct Faculty

Staff – Native American: 60

STUDENTS

AY 16-17 Unduplicated Enrolled by Tribe (top 5 of 70)

- Navajo Nation (75%)
- White Mountain Apache (8%)
- Pueblo of Jemez (8%)
- Pueblo of Laguna (5%)
- Kewa Pueblo (4%)

Self-Study to Establish Program

Resources to establish program

- Faculty
- Curriculum
- Course Materials
- Library Resources
- Equipment
- Facilities
- Support Services
- Student Demand
- Marketing
- Admissions

Approval Process

Internal Governance Approvals

- Curriculum Committee
- Academic Affairs Committee
- President
- Board of Regents

Approval by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) 6-9 months

Commission on Dental Accreditation

U.S. Department of Education, Title IV (federal financial aid)

- Competency-Based, credit hours

Alaska DHAT Model

- Two calendar year, equivalent to 3 years with preceptorship
- Culturally Competence
- Community nominates students – graduates return to tribal communities to practice, ensure quality dental health care
- Admissions: 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, pass a background check, and a drug test

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