

# Dental Assisting Program Information Session



*Education is the most powerful weapon  
which you can use to change the world!*

*~ Nelson Mandela*



# Who are Dental Assistants?

- Vital team members who serve as “generalists” in dental practices.
- Versatile
  - Chairside working with dentist, hygienist, or by themselves.
  - Taking diagnostic quality radiographs
  - Disinfection and Sterilization
  - Mixing of various materials
  - Dental impressions
  - Fabrication of temporary restorations, study models, whitening trays
  - Obtaining and documenting dental information
  - Oral Hygiene instruction
  - Various office and managerial responsibilities
  - Many other duties.....

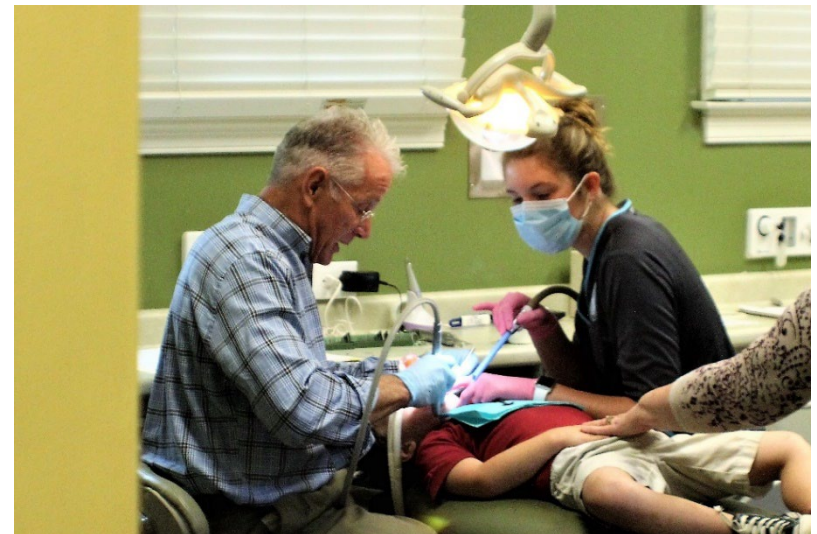


# Dental Assistants vs Dental Hygienists

- Dental hygienists
  - State licensed
  - Clean teeth
  - Examine patients for periodontal disease and are active in the treatment process.
  - Provide other preventative dental, care including education on improving and maintaining good oral health.
- Dental hygienists typically must have an associate's degree in dental hygiene.
- Many begin their career as dental assistants, as some dental hygiene educational programs require a dental assisting certificate or clinical practice experience to apply.

# Work Environment

- Clean
- Stressful
- Fast-paced
- Sometimes unpleasant sights or smells.
- Hazards - Chemicals, fumes, bloodborne pathogens, radiation.



# Curriculum – General Education Courses

General Education Courses Required before acceptance		Credit Hrs
<b>ENG 101</b>	English Composition I	3
<b>SPH 106</b>	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
<b>MTH 100</b>	College Intermediate Algebra or higher	3
<b>BIO 201</b>	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
<b>PSY 200</b>	General Psychology	3
<b>PSY 210</b>	Human Growth & Development	3
<b>CIS 146</b>	Microcomputer Applications	3
<b>ORI 101</b>	Orientation to College	1

Green = Certificate Requirements for General Education Courses

# Curriculum First Semester

<b>First Semester in Dental Assisting</b>		<b>Credit Hrs</b>
<b>DAT 100</b>	Introduction to Dental Assisting	2
<b>DAT 101</b>	Preclinical Procedures I	3
<b>DAT 102</b>	Dental Materials	3
<b>EMS 100</b>	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	1
	Total	9

# Curriculum – Second Semester

<b>Second Semester in Dental Assisting</b>		<b>Credit Hrs</b>
<b>DAT 104</b>	Basic Sciences for Dental Assisting	2
<b>DAT 111</b>	Clinical Practice I	5
<b>DAT 112</b>	Dental Radiology	3
<b>DAT 116</b>	Preclinical Procedures II	3
	Total	13

# Curriculum – Third Semester

<b>Third Semester in Dental Assisting</b>		<b>Credit Hrs</b>
<b>DAT 113</b>	Dental Health Education	2
<b>DAT 114</b>	Dental Office Administration	4
<b>DAT 122</b>	Clinical Practice II	4
<b>DAT 123</b>	Dental Assisting Seminar	4
	Total:	14



# Completion Options

- Degree options
  - Long Certificate
  - AAS Degree
- All students complete the Long Certificate.
- Those completing the additional general education courses might also qualify for the AAS Degree.
- Do not overload your schedule with additional general education courses while in the program WITHOUT approval

## Additional Program Information

- Drug Screen/Background Check required
- Uniforms class, lab, and clinical
- Transportation
- Clinicals Required

## Application Information

- Application window is 10/03 – 10/31
- Point-based application – those with completed general education classes would rank higher than those without
- ACT or Accuplacer

# Points Based Criteria

<b>General Education Course</b>	<b>Letter Grade/Points</b>
<b>English Composition I</b>	A = 10; B = 7.5; C = 2.5
<b>Fundamentals of Oral Communication</b>	A = 10; B = 7.5; C = 2.5
<b>Humanities/Fine Arts Elective</b>	A = 7.5; B = 5; C=2.5
<b>College Intermediate Algebra or higher</b>	A = 10; B = 7.5; C = 2.5
<b>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I</b>	A = 7.5; B = 5; C=2.5
<b>General Psychology</b>	A = 10; B = 7.5; C = 2.5
<b>Human Growth &amp; Development</b>	A = 10; B = 7.5; C = 2.5
<b>Microcomputer Applications</b>	A = 7.5; B = 5; C=2.5
<b>Minimum Totals in Gen Eds</b>	20 points
<b>Max Totals in Gen Eds</b>	72.5 points

# Points Based Criteria

Reading Score Points Assignment								
ACT Reading Score	Next-Gen ACCUPLACER Reading Score	Points	ACT Reading Score	Next-Gen ACCUPLACER Reading Score	Points	ACT Reading Score	Next-Gen ACCUPLACER Reading Score	Points
18	244-245	1	23	255-259	6	28	280-284	11
19	246-247	2	24	260-264	7	29	285-289	12
20	248-249	3	25	265-269	8	30	290-294	13
21	250-252	4	26	270-274	9	31-32	295-299	14
22	253-254	5	27	275-279	10	33 or >	300 or >	15

Maximum of 15 points for ACT or Accuplacer

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