

Dental Assisting

Dental Assisting is a one-year certificate program and an eighteen month associate degree program. Dental courses begin in the fall and must be taken in sequence with each course being a co-requisite. Students beginning in the spring or summer semester will be enrolled in general education courses until fall semester begins.

One of the primary objectives of the Dental Assisting Program is preparation of the student for employment in the health field. Therefore, the Program has a stricter attendance policy than the college policy. (See attachment). Also, a neat appearance and good personal hygiene are important factors in getting and keeping a job. Proper dress is expected as a part of one's educational training in this program. (See attachment) Students are required to have program uniforms by the 2nd week in October. (See attachment) One white lab coat or warm-up jacket is required by the end of the 1st week of fall semester. Students will be required to have transportation to and from school as well as clinical sites.

Physical and dental exams must be completed by the end of the 2nd week in October. (See attachment) and must be current within 6 months. The oral cavity must be clean with no obvious odors or signs of disease. Colored anterior restorations (metal i.e. gold) are considered unprofessional and should be replaced by the end of the 4th week of October. Decayed or missing anterior teeth must be restored by the end of the 4th week of October. All other restorations must be completed before the student is assigned to a clinical site usually the 2nd semester. Students must be free of communicable disease and in a healthy physical condition with immunizations being current including but not limited to hepatitis vaccine.