Dental Assisting

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Associate in Applied Science Degree (4 semesters)
Long Certificate (3 semesters) must complete ENG101 MTH116 and ORI101
Short Certificate (2 semesters) not recommended or recognized by ADA

Program Description
Upon successful of this program, graduates will be prepared to function as Dental Assistants in dental offices, hospitals and clinics. The Dental Assisting program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Graduates are qualified to take the National Certification Examination administered by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.

Admission Requirements
Applicants must:
Meet all the general requirements of TSCC
Be eligible for ENG 101 according to ACCUPLACER scores
Possess a 2.3 grade point average on a 4.0 scale

Selection
The Dental Assisting program admits annually each fall semester a maximum of 20 students. Students are selected on the basis of satisfactory completion of admission requirements and GPA.

Due to the number of major required courses taken each semester, it is recommended that students complete as many if not all of the general required courses as possible before entering the Dental Assisting program.
Upon Admission

Upon acceptance into the program students will be required to submit a physical and dental examination form (current within one year), which includes documentation of immunizations along with evidence of having begun the Hepatitis B vaccinations.

Upon acceptance into the program, students are required to become CPR certified. The opportunity to obtain this certification is provided in the Spring semester.

Students are subject to random background screening and drug testing as deemed necessary and provide a clear result according to Health Science policy.

Progression

Students are required to complete the program within 2 years of entry into the program.

Students who withdraw or are dismissed from the program must meet with the program director for re-admission. Students will be readmitted one time only.