Dental Assistant Program

60 Classroom Hours with a Clinical Externship

Course Contact Hours: 60 hours plus Clinical Externship
Student Tuition:  $1,399 (textbooks included)
Clinical Externship Hours: 40 hours
WIOA Approved

The 60 hour Dental Assisting Program prepares students for entry level positions in one of the fastest growing health care positions - dental assisting. The purpose of this course is to familiarize the student with all areas of pre-clinical dental assisting and provide training in the professional skills required to function as an assistant in the dental practice. This course covers key areas and topics. Administrative aspects include the history of dentistry and dental assisting; introduction to the dental office; the legal aspects of dentistry; policies and guidelines. Clinical aspects include introduction to oral anatomy; dental operatory; dental equipment, introduction to tooth structure; primary and permanent teeth; the oral cavity and related structures; proper patient positioning; dental hand-pieces; sterilization; and other areas. In addition to entry-level administrative jobs, this course is ideal for students interested in pursuing a future formal dental hygienist program. To be eligible for the clinical rotation, students must successfully complete the 60 hour program, submit to a thorough background check and drug screening, and meet other requirements. Note: A high school diploma or GED is required for all medical technician programs. A background check and drug screen will be required to begin clinical externships.

Mondays and Wednesdays
October 10 - December 12, 2016
6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Demopolis Center for Higher Education - Room TBA

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