

CAVIT DENTAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM SYLLABUS

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Course Description: The Dental Assistant program at CAVIT is designed to prime students for a variety of careers in the dental field with the largest emphasis on dental assisting. Students that successfully complete the two-year program and attain 85% proficiency on the end-of-program assessment will be eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Radiation Health and Safety and Infection Control certification exams.

Organization: Dental Assisting requires both theory based training and hands-on participation. All students are expected to participate in all experiences and will be graded on their participation. Students will be presented with information in the form of lectures, written materials, and instructor demonstrations. Students will participate in hands-on labs to utilize the practical application of the lectures. After demonstrated competency, students will be put in a student-run dental clinic to hone their skills. Each student is required to recruit a minimum of 6 patients per semester to receive clinic services.

TextBook: Modern Dental Assisting 10th Edition

Program Standards:

- Demonstrate Dental Office Business Procedures
- Use Information Technology Tools Commonly Found in Dental Settings
- Demonstrate Disease Prevention, Infection Control and Waste Management Procedures
- Identify Structures and Functions of Oral, Head and Neck Anatomy and related Pathologies
- Maintain and Utilize Dental Instruments and Equipment
- Identify Functions of Pharmacology and Anesthesia Related to Dentistry
- Manipulate Dental Materials
- Demonstrate Radiographic Procedures for Diagnosis
- Demonstrate Chairside Procedures for Dentistry
- Record Patient Assessment and Treatment Data
- Demonstrate Techniques of Preventative Dentistry
- Recognize and Respond to Emergency Situations
- Describe the Legal and Ethical Responsibilities of the Dental Healthcare Worker
- Demonstrate Mathematics and Science Knowledge Skills
- Demonstrate Language Arts Knowledge and Skills
- Keep Current with Products, Services, and Industry Trends

Extra Activities: Students will be required to participate in HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) and community service activities each semester.

Grading Plan:

Dental Assistant Year I

- Tests/Quizzes (written and practical)-40%
- Classroom/Clinical Participation (In uniform and involved in classroom work) - 30%
- Assignments-10%
- Projects- 15%
- Job Shadowing-5%

Dental Assistant Year II

- Tests/Quizzes (written and practical)-40%
- Classroom/Clinical Participation (In uniform and involved in classroom work) - 30%
- Assignments-10%
- Projects- 10%
- Externship-10%

Classroom Rules of Conduct:

- All Students are representatives to CAVIT therefore they will conduct themselves daily in a professional manner to their teachers, fellow students and faculty and will ALWAYS abide to the CAVIT student handbook.

Professional Appearance:

- **FEMALES:**
 - Hair must be pulled neatly up and back in a bun, braid, pony tail. Tasteful hair clips and barrettes are ok. Bangs should be pinned back or to the side.
 - As a preventative measure no acrylic or gel nails will be permitted. Nail polish is acceptable as long as it is not "chipped". Keep natural nails trimmed and clean at all times.
 - Face makeup should be worn professionally (neutral colors).
 - Jewelry is limited to 2 rings, a necklace that will be worn inside your top and earrings that do not hang. Watches are permitted only on non clinical days. No facial piercings allowed.
- **MALES:**
 - Same rules stated above will apply; however mustache, beards, side burns should be kept clean and trimmed at all times.
- **Uniforms:**
 - Students are to be responsible for clean uniforms daily. If a uniform becomes soiled or unserviceable arrangements are to be made with the instructor for a replacement as soon as possible. CAVIT scrubs MUST be worn on clinic days, when there is a field trip or when we are representing CAVIT in the community or at the discretion of the Instructor. Shoes must be white tennis shoes.