

PROGRAM LENGTH: 1,050 hours- diploma

AVAILABLE SCHEDULE: 8:15-3:25 p.m.
Clinical hours correspond to hours of clinical sites.

LICENSE/CERTIFICATION: Radiation Safety Certification Course, Coronal Polishing/Topical Fluoride Certification, Sealant Certification Course, Nitrous Oxide Certification, Prepare for Dental Assisting National Board Exam



FACT: DENTISTS ARE EXPECTED TO HIRE MORE ASSISTANTS TO PERFORM ROUTINE TASKS. IN HIRING DENTAL ASSISTANTS, DENTISTS LOOK FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE RELIABLE, CAN WORK WELL WITH OTHERS, AND HAVE GOOD MANUAL DEXTERITY.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The Dental Assisting program is a competency-based program that trains students to work as a member of a dental health team. Curriculum includes classroom instruction in concepts of dental health and hands-on experience in chairside assisting, front office management, and basic laboratory procedures. Students gain additional hands-on clinical experience through rotations at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry and in private dental offices.

THE MAIN AREAS OF FOCUS ARE...

- ▶ Biomedical Sciences
- ▶ Oral health and prevention of dental disease
- ▶ Infection control in dentistry
- ▶ Occupational health and safety
- ▶ Patient information and assessment
- ▶ Foundations of clinical dentistry
- ▶ Dental radiography
- ▶ Dental materials
- ▶ Assisting in comprehensive dental care
- ▶ Dental administration and communication

CAREER AND EDUCATIONAL PATH: Students who complete this program may enter the workforce as a dental assistant or continue their education and training to earn a degree in dental hygiene or related health program.

CAREER INFORMATION: Dental assisting offers variety, job satisfaction, opportunity for service, and financial reward. An assistant may choose to work as a chairside assistant or as an office manager or business assistant. Chairside dental assis-

tants assume the responsibilities of obtaining the patient record, preparing the treatment areas, and assisting in procedures. An assistant may take impressions for study models, prepare instrument trays and anesthesia, expose, process, and mount dental radiographs, perform sterilization duties, and instruct patients on postoperative care. The dental assistant who chooses to work as a business assistant may act as receptionist, appointment secretary, or billing clerk. An assistant who chooses this path will be familiar with treatment procedures, time management, dental terminology, supply inventory and control, and dental software.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION: Accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

PREREQUISITES:

THE FOLLOWING ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET:

- ▶ ATTEND INFORMATION MEETING
- ▶ APTITUDE AND MANUAL DEXTERITY TESTS
- ▶ IMMUNIZATIONS
- ▶ MUST HAVE OWN TRANSPORTATION FOR CLINICALS.

PROGRAM INDICATORS FOR SUCCESS

One or more of the following entrance requirements are suggested:

ADULT ONLY

- ▶ 12 hours of college credit and 2.0+ GPA
- ▶ ACT composite score: 19+
- ▶ COMPASS scores: Reading – 76, Math – 41, Writing – 47

For more information regarding Enrollment and an application packet call: 364-5763, ext. 7260 Monday - Thursday: 7a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday: 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturday: 8 a.m. - noon. Or, contact us at www.mntechology.com