

# • DENTAL ASSISTING •

## Certificate Program

**DEGREE:** Certificate of Completion

**LENGTH:** Three Semesters

**PURPOSE:** The Dental Assisting curriculum is a one-year certificate program, which provides the student with the necessary skills to function effectively in all office related procedures. Specialty courses in Dental Assisting include both theory and practice in the classroom, laboratory, clinic, and X-ray settings. Clinical training is provided at the on-campus Harold B. Pearson Dental Laboratory and in private dental offices. It also offers some transferable college credit should students wish to pursue a baccalaureate degree or an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Dental Hygiene. Students are admitted Fall Semester of each year. The Dental Assistant is a valuable member of the dental health team. Under the supervision of the dentist, the Dental Assistant renders specialized services in the areas of office management, laboratory procedures, and patient care. Upon successful completion of this program, the graduate is eligible to seek employment and to take the National Certification Examination. This examination is recognized by all states and does not require individual state examinations.

**Admission Requirements:** Each prospective Dental Assisting student must submit to the College by July 1 the following: Faulkner State Community College Application, Dental Assisting Department Application, A completed Physical Exam Form, with drug screening consent form, immunization form with proof of the HepB Vaccine or declination waiver. Transcripts with a minimum GPA of 2.0 on most recent transcripts from high school or college, or GED score equivalent. Must test at ENG 101 or MTH 116 levels prior to program admittance if not previously taken. Students are required to sign a waiver stating that ENG 101 will be taken during the Spring Semester if not previously taken.

**AREA I WRITTEN COMPOSITION**

ENG 101 ..... English Composition I ..... 3

**AREA II HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS**

SPH 107 ..... Fundamentals of Public Speaking ..... 3

**AREA III NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS**

MTH 116 or more advanced\*\*\*\* . Mathematical Applications ..... 3

**AREA IV HISTORY, SOCIAL, AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

PSY 200 ..... General Psychology ..... 3

**AREA V PRE-PROFESSIONAL, MAJOR, AND ELECTIVE COURSES**

DAT 100 ..... Introduction to Dental Assisting ..... 2

DAT 101\* ..... Pre-Clinical Procedures I ..... 3

DAT 102\* ..... Dental Materials ..... 3

DAT 103 ..... Anatomy & Physiology for Dental Assisting ..... 3

DAT 104 ..... Basic Sciences for Dental Assisting ..... 2

DAT 111 ..... Clinical Practice I ..... 5

DAT 112\*\* ..... Dental Radiology ..... 3

DAT 113 ..... Dental Health Education ..... 2

DAT 116\* ..... Pre-Clinical Procedures II ..... 2

DAT 121 ..... Dental Office Procedures ..... 4

DAT 122 ..... Clinical Practice II ..... 4

DAT 123 ..... Dental Assisting Seminar ..... 4

DAT 124 ..... Clinically Applied Infection Control & OSHA Standards ..... 1

WKO 107 ..... Work Place Skills Preparation ..... 1

**Total Hours** ..... **54**

\*Procedures taught to Laboratory competence;\*\*Procedures taught to Clinical competence

\*\*\*MTH 231, MTH 232 do not meet this requirement

This is a career program designed for students to go directly into the labor market upon completion. Although some of the courses in this program will transfer to four-year institutions, this program is not designed to be a transfer program of study therefore it is not subject to the terms and conditions of STARS.