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CONSIDER A NEW CAREER AS A DENTAL ASSISTANT!

The Dental Assisting Program prepares students for entry-level positions in one of the fastest growing healthcare professions – Dental Assisting. With the national increase in healthcare-related services, and the national shortage of healthcare professionals, the need for dental assistants is growing substantially.

Nassau Community College (NCC), in partnership with Condensed Curriculum International (CCI), is pleased to offer this Dental Assisting program. The course is a remote format with 80 hours of instructor-led classes via Zoom video conferencing and online training. You need a computer or tablet with a browser and internet access for Zoom as well as for the online course access. With your first login, you will be provided with technical requirements to set up your computer. You can preview a demo of an online course at www.pearsoncustom.com/us/healthed. Textbook is included.

Course Information

The purpose of this program is to familiarize students with all areas of administrative and clinical dental assisting, focusing on the responsibilities required to function as an assistant in a dental practice. This course covers the following key areas and topics:

- Introduction to the dental office and history of dentistry and dental assisting
- Legal aspects of dentistry including policies and guidelines
- Introductory oral anatomy, dental operatory, and dental equipment
- Introductory tooth structure including primary and permanent teeth
- The oral cavity and related structures
- Dental handpieces, sterilization, and other areas

Detailed Course Topics

- The dental assisting profession & history of dentistry
- Dental anatomy and physiology
- Tooth charting, tooth surfaces, and classification of restorations on a tooth
- Parts of the jaw and areas of the mouth
- Oral health and prevention of dental disease
- Infection control in dentistry and occupational health and safety
- Patient information and assessment
- Foundation of clinical dentistry
- Dental radiology
- Single crown restoration, bridge, implant, partial denture, and full denture
- Dental equipment, accessories & treatment room
- Dental handpieces and accessories
- Dental cements and impression materials
- Coding of radiology services & using ICD-10-CM codes
- Assisting in comprehensive dental care
- Dental administration and communication skills

**Certification and Optional Externship**

Students may pursue the Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) Certified Dental Assistant exam, Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam, and the Infection Control Exam (ICE). Students need a high school diploma or equivalent, a current government-issued photo ID, and the application requires disclosure of a Social Security number. The costs of the certification exams are not included. With 3,500 hours of experience and CPR and Basic Life Support (BLS), the applicant can sit for the DANB General Chairside exam and earn DANB CDA certification. For further information, visit NYS Registered Dental Assistant License Requirements at www.op.nysed.gov/prof/dent/dentccalic.

An optional, 40-hour Clinical Externship for no additional cost might be available after course completion and only if it is safe to do so. To be eligible, a student must successfully complete the program, provide a resume, and may be required to complete a drug screening, background check and/or medical exam and provide proof of immunization. Background check* and drug screening are additional costs.

*Applicants will be responsible to complete a background check to participate in an externship. Once registered, a student will be provided information on completing the background check. Students are required to pay the cost of the background check. If you have been convicted of a felony, you should contact the Center for Workforce Development prior to registering for this program. A felony conviction may prevent you from participating in a clinical rotation/externship portion of the program. All cases will be reviewed on an individual basis. If it is determined that a student is not eligible to go into a clinical setting, the student may be allowed to continue with only the classroom or online portion of the program and may not meet requirements to sit for a certifying exam. The refund policy will be adhered to regardless of a student’s eligibility for the clinical rotation/externship of any program.

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