

Dental Assisting Diploma - Brainerd Campus

Career Description

Given the ever-increasing demands for dental care, dental practices are designed for a dental team approved for the delivery of dental care.

An exciting and challenging career awaits you as a professional dental assistant. A career in dental assisting offers variety, job satisfaction, opportunity for service, and financial reward.

Program Information

During this 11-month course you will study ways to control and prevent dental disease as well as teach patients preventive dental care. Training is provided in chairside skills and MN state expanded functions. There are 3 semesters. Fall and spring are on-campus and the 9-week summer session provides internships off-campus in dental facilities and private dental practices. This education prepares the student to take national and state written examinations required for Certification and Registration as dental assistants. A Certified Registered Dental Assistant becomes a member of the dental team.

Special Program Requirements

**American Heart Association – Health Care Provider CPR is a prerequisite for admission into the Dental Program

Students are encouraged to complete Biol 1404 Human Biology I prior to entering the dental assisting program to reduce the amount of credit load fall semester. A current healthcare provider CPR is required for fall, spring and summer semesters.

Accreditation

Accredited by the American Dental Association since May 1967.

Admissions

Progression through the program is sequential. Admission date is fall semester. High school diploma or GED. The curriculum in the dental assisting program may expose students to hazardous materials, radiation and/or infectious diseases. Students will be provided with information through education and program policies to protect themselves and their patients from harm. Students will be expected to utilize appropriate safety precautions in the classroom, laboratory and clinic. Program policies are available upon request.

Transfer Opportunities

Some courses within the program may be used as elective credits toward an AA degree.

Employment Opportunities

The career outlook for Certified and Registered Dental Assistants in Minnesota continues to grow due to the increased demand for dental care. The majority of graduates are employed as clinical assistants and Minnesota requires specialized credentials as an employment criteria. There is a great deal of stability and employment security for the individual who becomes a dental assistant.

Career Titles

Chairside dental assistant in general/specialty practices
Expanded-functions dental assistant
Administrative business assistant
Dental sales personnel
Sterilization assistant
Dental Insurance personnel



Selected Employers of Recent Graduates

Lakes Dental Care, Baxter
Lakes County Dental, Brainerd
Falls Court Dentists, Little Falls
Central MN Pediatrics, St. Cloud

Selected Job Titles of Recent Graduates

Chairside dental assistant in general/specialty practices
Administrative business assistant

Quotes from Students

"Dental Assisting: Great program and LeAnn is awesome!"

Jannah Bridge

"I thought I had a good experience. I learned a lot through the year I hope everyone that comes here has as good experience as I did."

Desy

"A rewarding and difficult program."

Lacey

"The Dental Assisting program is an awesome program. CLC is a good school, and CLC softball rules!!"

Erin



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Diploma Curriculum

Course #	Course Title	Credits
FALL SEMESTER		
BIOL 1404	Human Biology I	3
DENT 1106	Dental Orientation & Anatomy	2
DENT 1116*	Dental Clinic I	8
DENT 1118*	Dental Radiology I	2
DENT 1120*	Preventive Dentistry	2
DENT 1124	Biomaterials	2
Fall Semester Total		19
SPRING SEMESTER		
DENT 1114	Pathology, Pharm., Law & Emergencies	3
DENT 1123*	Dental Clinic II	9
DENT 1129*	Dental Radiology II	2
DENT 1132	Dental Specialties	2
DENT 1133*	Principles of Practice Mgmt. & Comm.	2
Spring Semester Total		18
SUMMER SESSION		
DENT 1150*	Dental Internship I	4
DENT 1151*	Dental Internship II	3
Summer Session Total		7

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT 44

*Denotes Prerequisites

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LeAnn Schoenle

Le Ann graduated from Central Lakes College and from Bemidji State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Career and Technical Education. She spent 4 years employed in a private group practice before joining CLC in 1975. Le Ann is a Certified, Registered Dental Assistant and is credentialed as a Restorative Functions Assistant. She is an active member in the American Dental Assistants Association and the MN Educators of Dental Assistants. She has participated in six industrial internships along with teaching continuing education courses for dental personnel in private practice. Her leisure activities include traveling, boating and quilting.

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Julie Bennett

Julie graduated from Minnesota State Community and Technical College with a diploma in dental assisting. Upon completion of the dental assisting program she was employed as a clinical dental assistant for ten years in Periodontics, eight years as a clinical assistant in Pedodontics and three years as a clinical assistant in Oral Surgery. She currently is enrolled at Central Lakes College and Bemidji State University to complete her B.S. degree in Career and Technical education. Julie is an active member of Minnesota Educator of Dental Assistants and has served on various positions on the state and local level of dental assistant associations. Julie has been teaching dental assisting at Central Lakes College since 2003. Hobbies include singing, bicycling, walking, kayaking, cooking and crafts.

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