

DENTAL ASSISTANT: Expanded Functions Option Certificate Program

Program Approval: Expanded Functions curriculum is approved by the Minnesota Board of Dentistry.

I. Professional Core.....13 Credits

DA 1225	Dental Infection Control	2 cr	Fall Semester
DA 1265*	Expanded Functions I	7 cr	Spring Semester
DS 1300*	Dental Radiology	3 cr	Spring Semester
DA 1270*	Expanded Functions II	1 cr	Summer Session I

(* Students must show current certification in either American Red Cross: CPR for the Professional Rescuer or American Heart Association: BLS Healthcare Provider to enroll in this course. The certification will need to remain active throughout the final semester in Dental Assisting.)

TOTAL.....13 Credits

Purpose:

This certificate program focuses specifically on Minnesota Expanded Functions for Dental Assistants. Approved curriculum includes academic and laboratory/clinical experience in all Minnesota Dental Assistant Expanded Functions. For entry into this certificate program, the applicant must currently be a Certified Dental Assistant, certified by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. and hold a current CPR/First Aid Certificate from the American Red Cross. Upon successful completion of the certificate requirements, the student is eligible to take the Minnesota Registration Examination for Dental Assistants.

Clinical experience is obtained in the technically current dental clinic. The clinic has twelve operatories equipped for four-handed dentistry, a recirculation/sterilization room, a darkroom for processing x-rays, a dental reception area, and a complete dental laboratory. Patients come to the dental clinic for tooth polishing, fluoride treatments, dental x-rays, pit and fissure sealants and preventive oral care instruction. A dentist is on staff to aid in the direct instruction and supervision of students.

Prerequisites:

1. Currently a Certified Dental Assistant (Certified by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.).
2. Minimum of a "C" letter grade in DA 1225 Dental Infection Control, prior to enrolling in DA 1265, DS 1300.
3. Students must maintain current certification in either American Red Cross: CPR for the Professional Rescuer or American Heart Association: BLS Healthcare Provider throughout DA 1265, DS 1300 and DA 1270.
4. Physical exam.
5. Approved background check.

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