

RCTC PROGRAM PLAN

DENTAL ASSISTANT: EXPANDED FUNCTIONS OPTION

Certificate

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

I. PROGRAM CORE REQUIREMENTS.....13 CREDITS

DA 1225, Dental Infection Control, 2 cr

*DA 1265, Expanded Functions, 7 cr

*DA 1270, Expanded Functions II, 1 cr

*DA 1275: Dental Radiology, 3 cr

TOTAL13 CREDITS

PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of the Dental Assistant program at RCTC, students will achieve the following outcomes:

- Demonstrate a working knowledge of dental terminology and the dental sciences.
- Collect systematically and record accurately record diagnostic and clinical data.
- Employ current principles of effective chairside assisting for general and dental specialty procedures and dental/medical emergencies.
- Demonstrate proficiency in performing expanded functions for Minnesota licensed dental assistants.
- Implement current principles and guidelines of dental infection control, aseptic techniques and hazards management.
- Prepare and manipulate chairside and dental laboratory materials and fabricate dental models, impression trays and appliances.
- Provide oral health instruction to dental patients and community groups.
- Perform patient reception and dental business office procedures effectively.
- Communicate effectively and establish positive working relationships with patients and members of the dental health care team.
- Function in a responsible, professional and ethical manner.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

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 Licensing 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.

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MORE INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS:

(*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.)

Notice of Minnesota Background Study Requirement

Minnesota Statute 245C requires that students who have contact with individuals in licensed institutions complete an annual background study with the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Individuals who do not pass the background study will not be allowed to participate in clinical activities. A list of disqualifying offenses is available at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=245C.15>. Students in the program will also be required to complete a national criminal background study. Information about completing both background studies will be available from program faculty.

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