

Dental Assisting

Course Syllabus 2015-2016

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides students with an entry level career in dental assisting. Students will learn the terminology, all equipment and materials used in dentistry along with chairside procedures and oral hygiene techniques.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Connect the role of a modern dental assistant within the profession of dentistry
- Select major historical events and changes within the profession of dentistry
- Choose instruments and equipment used in patient treatment
- Choose relevant terminology and acronyms as related to subject areas stressed in this course
- Select microorganisms and describe disease transmission and infection control guidelines
- Evaluate dental plaque and cariogenic foods, and their relationship in dental disease
- Analyze the use of disclosing tablets or solution, floss, brushing techniques and auxiliary dental aids
- Connect personal oral hygiene and its role in patient care
- Select the major factors that influence nutrition and dental health
- Analyze the parts, surfaces, composition, types, function and anatomical features of the teeth
- Select location in the normal, complete permanent dentition, name all 32 teeth by dentition, arch, quadrant, class, and type
- Evaluate the early development of the oral cavity and teeth
- Establish the normal eruption dates for the permanent teeth
- Expose and process dental radiographs

REQUIRED TEXT & MATERIALS

Modern Dental Assisting and student workbook, current edition

Dental Terminology, current edition

Binder, notebook paper, flash drive, black/blue pens, pencils

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Grades are calculated using Total Points composed of:

Daily work, projects, assessments, participation

Final exams are 20% of the semester grade.

MSD Warren Township Grade Scale

100-92.5=A

92.4-89.5=A-

89.4-86.5=B+

86.4-82.5=B

82.4-79.5=B-

79.4-76.5=C+

76.4-72.5=C

72.4-69.5=C-

69.4-66.5=D+

66.4-62.5=D

62.4-59.5=D-

Below 59.5=F