Dental Assisting Diploma

Credential granted by Bluegrass CTC but also taught at Big Sandy CTC and Somerset CC- Laurel Campus North
Academic Plan Code -5106024019

Description:

The Dental Assisting Program prepares the student to function effectively as an integral member of the dental health team and to perform chair side assisting and related office and laboratory procedures under the direction and supervision of a dentist. Upon completion of the program and obtaining national certification students are eligible for employment in private practice, education institutions and federal and state institutions. The curriculum includes content areas in general studies, biomedical sciences, dental sciences, clinical sciences, radiography, and clinical experience. Students must achieve a minimum grade of "C" in each Dental Assisting (DAS) course, Dental Assisting/Hygiene (DAH) course, and approved science courses. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board Examination to become a Certified Dental Assistant. Also available, if criteria is successfully met the student will be awarded certificates in the following areas: Radiology and Expanded Functions from BCTC. Coronal Polishing certificates awarded by the Kentucky Board of Dentistry if state requirements are met.

The Dental Assisting Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, a specialized accrediting agency of the American Dental Association.

Integrated Classes		
DAH 101	Infection Control	2
DAH 121	Dental Sciences	3
DAH 131	Oral Pathology	3
DAH 135	Oral Radiology	2
DAH 124	Materials in Dentistry	2
DAH 235	Practice Management	1
	Subtotal Credit Hours	**13**

Dental Assisting Only Classes		
DAS 120	Dental Assisting I	6
DAS 220	Dental Assisting II	9
DAS 130	Seminar I	2
DAS 230	Seminar II	1
	Subtotal Credit Hours	**18**
	Total Credit Hours	**38-45**

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
Program Related Classes		
BIO 135	Basic Anatomy & Physiology with Laboratory **OR**	(4)
BIO 137	Human Anatomy & Physiology I **AND**	(4)
BIO 139	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	(4)
	Computer Literacy	0-3
	Three Credits from Area I • Writing/Assessing Information • Oral Communication • Humanities, Or Heritage	3
PY 110	General Psychology* OR	(3)
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology*	(4)
	Subtotal Credit Hours	**7-18**

*Required at Bluegrass CTC/Recommended at West Kentucky CTC