Dental Assisting Program Admission Requirements

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Dental Assisting Program.

The VSCC Dental Assisting Program is a one-year, three semester, and full-time course and is composed of didactic and clinical instruction. It is designed and organized to promote the personal and professional growth of each student. The main objectives of the program are to prepare the student to function in the dental setting and to academically qualify for the Dental Assistant National Board certification examination and the Tennessee Board of Dentistry registry examination. The American Dental Association is Commission on Dental Accreditation, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation and the

Volunteer State Community College Dental Assisting Program

The dental assisting program provides a foundation in the health sciences along with extensive training in the technology necessary to perform those tasks delegated to dental assistants by the State Dental Practice Act. Clinical training experiences working with dentists and patients are provided in private offices of practicing dentist. Students who successfully complete this program are eligible for Registration as a Dental Assistant in Tennessee with state certifications in Dental Radiology, Sealant Application, Monitoring Nitrous Oxide, and Coronal Polishing. Graduates are also eligible to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board Examination (DANB) Examination to become a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA).

The Dental Assisting program is a 1-year certificate program with an option to earn an Associate of Applied Science, which is designed to provide a career ladder for individuals who have graduated from or who are currently enrolled in an American Dental Association accredited dental assisting certificate program and seek to obtain an Associate of Applied Science degree.

general education core and additional electives. The student that seeks the degree may continue their education by completing the certificate program and continues to take the additional courses required to complete the degree requirements.

Licensure

A license to practice Dental Assisting is not required in all states, but in Tennessee the dental assistant must be registered (RDA). Registration is granted by the Board of Dentistry. Students who successfully complete this program are eligible to apply for State Registration and/or National Certification Examinations.

Employment Opportunities:

Private Practice-General, Group, or Specialty; Dental Office Receptionist/Manager; Health

Insurance Claims; Dental Assistant.

Program Application Procedures

1. Meet all general admissions requirements of Volunteer State Community College

2. Complete a Pre-Health Sciences Interest Form

3. First priority is given to students that have completed all basic requirements prior to the application deadline.

4. ***Application deadline for the Program has been extended until all seats are filled. Below is a listing of the application materials that is required for screening into the Program.***

   Completion of documented evidence of 8 hours of clinical observation.
   Submit a typed one-

   Submit a VSCC College transcript
   Selection is based upon:
   - *****Essay
   - *****Interview

   Special consideration is granted to those applicants who have completed coursework at Volunteer State Community College other than developmental learning support courses.

Please send the required materials listed above in one envelope to; Volunteer State Community College: ATTN: Desiree Sutphen Program Director-

Volunteer State Community College
Dental Assisting Program
Clinical Observation Form
8 hours

Email: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip _____

As part of the admissions process, Dental Assisting Program applicants are required to spend at least 8

Volunteer State Community College

Technical Certificate-Dental Assisting
Student Check List

Name: _____Date: _____

Fall **Course**

3. Submit a Volunteer State Community College **transcript.**

A maximum of 24 students admitted per year into the Dental Program.
Selection based on the following:

*Essay
*Interview

Special consideration will be granted to those applicants who have completed coursework at Volunteer State Community College other than Developmental courses. In-state students are also given special consideration.

Please send the required application materials listed above in **ONE ENVELOPE** to: Volunteer State Community College, ATTN: Desiree Sutphen, Program Director Dental, 1480 Nashville Pike, Annex 400 Room 111C, Gallatin, TN 37066 **Or Email** them to Desiree.Sutphen@volstate.edu