The Dental Assistant Program offers both a certificate and associates of applied science degree. The program consists of classroom instruction and clinical experience. This program prepares students to become skilled members of the dental health care team. The certificate takes approximately 40 hours per week and takes three semesters to complete while the associates degree takes approximately four semesters. The program is modular in format, which allows non-traditional as well as traditional students to complete the program.

The duties of dental assistants are among the most comprehensive and varied in the dental office making a career in dental assisting challenging and interesting. The demand for dental assistants in Fairbanks is high, the opportunity widespread, and the working conditions are outstanding. Graduates of the program may choose to pursue a clinical or administrative career in a wide variety of settings including private or group practice, clinics, orthodontics, oral surgery, periodontics, prosthodontics, pedodontics, public health, bush travel, education, and more.
DENTAL ASSISTANT

COURSES INCLUDE

- Administrative Procedures for the Dental Assistant
- Dental Radiography
- Dental Infection Control
- Dental Materials and Applications
- Anatomy for Dental Assistants
- Clinical Chairside for Dental Assistants
- Professional Skills for the Workplace
- Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology
- First Aid and CPR
- Science of Nutrition
- Introduction to Pharmacology

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Training takes place in CTC’s state-of-the-art dental clinic and laboratory featuring the latest in dental technology so that students are learning on equipment being used by the industry today. Faculty brings a wealth of industry experience with them to the classroom as many of them are practicing professionals.

Completing the 4-credit dental radiography course prepares the student to pass the Dental Assisting National Board’s Radiation and Health Safety examination (RHS). Upon successful completion of this board a national competency will be issued. Completing the 2-credit Dental Infection Control course prepares the student to pass the Dental Assisting National Board’s Infection Control Examination (ICE). Upon successful completion of this board a national competency exam will be issued. In order to enhance employability, students are encouraged to complete the certificate or associate degree program.

OTHER DETAILS

Special admission, licensing, or certification requirements may apply to students in this program. Applicants should familiarize themselves with these and speak with a faculty advisor if they have any questions or concerns. A faculty advisor should be consulted prior to entering the program as space is limited to 12 students.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Review admission requirements with an advisor by calling 907-455-2891 or email uaf-ctc@alaska.edu
- Apply for admission to UAF: www.uaf.edu/admissions
- Apply for financial aid: www.uaf.edu/finaid/ or call 907-455-2832
- Find classes & register: www.uaf.edu/coursefinder/
- Get your books & class materials organized - UAF Bookstore: www.uaf.bkstr.com
- Start your journey at UAF CTC!

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