Job Description
The dental assistant with a clinical emphasis functions as a member of the dental healthcare delivery team. Some of the responsibilities routinely performed by a clinical dental assistant include:

- Performing laboratory procedures
- Exposing & processing dental radiographs
- Preparing dental materials
- Assisting dentist with procedures

Career Opportunities
Most dental assistants are employed in private dental offices or manage care clinics.

Program Description
The College of Southern Nevada Dental Assisting Program is a three-semester multidisciplinary course of study that prepares students to work as a clinical assistant. Students during their last semester will be assigned to local clinical affiliated facilities to obtain 300 hours of practical experience. Upon successful completion of all required coursework, students are awarded a Certificate of Achievement. They are also eligible to take the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant examination, which is recognized by 37 states and the District of Columbia.

Admission Requirements
This program is not a Limited Entry program; therefore, application for admission is not necessary. However, students must have successfully completed ENG 100, 101, 107 or 113 with a “C” or better to begin dental assisting coursework. Students are also required to complete WorkKeys at approved level, complete Documentation List prior to meeting with Program Director, meet with the Program Director and attend a Dental Assisting Orientation prior to registering.

Approximate Salary in Nevada
Hourly Wage Range ......................... $12.24 - $25.00
Median Hourly Wage ......................... $17.76

Source: U.S. Department of Labor 2018
www.careeronestop.org

Beginning Students
Students beginning the program will be required to show proof of CPR (Basic Life Support/Health Care Provider), health insurance, and immunization against Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Tetanus, Varicella and Diphtheria. This documentation is needed prior to starting the program.

Requirements Prior to Beginning 2nd Semester
Students are required to show proof of a negative 2-step TB skin test, a drug test, a physical, and medical insurance must be completed. Medical insurance may be purchased through the CSN Student Government Office.

Note: High school graduation, GED, or HiSet is required by Commission on Dental Accreditation.

Accreditation
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