

RE: 10 Week Dental Assisting Program

Class Days and Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00pm to 10:00 pm

Fridays 8:30am to 4:30pm Saturdays 8:30am to 4:30pm

Our school is unique in that it is a fast paced program for individuals who want to start their careers without attending years of additional schooling. We will train you for an Entry Level Dental Assisting position. We have had the same instructors for over 10 years and they are actual dental assistants during the day with 25+ years' experience in the field and teach then teach our program, so they are familiar with the information and materials needed for you to learn to be a successful dental assistant.

Our course is 80% hands on training making sure you're prepared to obtain a dental assisting position and perform the dental assisting procedures. Please note our blended format consists of in-facility hands-on training combined with weekly homework and 4 online tests. We train in a mock dental office so you will know how to use state of the art dental equipment, digital x-rays and Dentrix dental software after you have completed the program. The course is for 10 consecutive weeks with an offsite 40 hour practicum, where you go into a dental office to observe what you have learned in the program. Once you have completed the program you are able to apply for dental assisting positions in an actual dental office. Florida requires dental assistants to work under a Florida licensed dentist for a minimum of 3 months (a minimum of 200 hours) before they are eligible for their Florida Certifications. The 3 months – (a minimum of 200 hours) on the job training is done after you have completed the 10 week program and can be done as an externship or as a paid position.

Once you complete the 10 week program and work for a Florida licensed dentist for a minimum 3 months (a minimum of 200 hours) you are eligible for your Florida Certifications (EFDA and X-ray), which are included in the \$2595 fee. You will also receive CPR training and a 2 year American Heart Association CPR card at no additional charge.

We take no more 8 -10 students in each class on a first come first serve basis. Our website has more information regarding pricing, dates and options for payment - www.dai-fl.com.

The next step is to call our office to make an appointment to drop off your enrollment forms and pick up your book. Bring the completed enrollment forms, a copy of your GED or high school diploma and a copy of an ID. If you have any questions, please call our office at 727-547-4899 between 8:00am and 5:00pm and one of our support staff will be happy to assist you.

We are so excited for you to start your new dental career!



Student is responsible to purchase a medical black scrub uniform and lab coat. Uniforms can be purchased at Amazon, Walmart or any Uniform store. You must have the current edition of Modern Dental Assisting Textbook and Student Workbook (Torres and Ehrlich). Books can be purchased through Dental Assisting Institute for an additional charge.

## **POST GRADUATION HOURS**

Upon completion of the program and in order to receive the two Florida Dental Assisting Certifications each student will be required to complete a minimum 3 months (200 hours) on the job training in a dental office, either as an internship or entry level dental assisting position. Once the a minimum 3 months (200 hours) have been completed, and the dentist signs a verification form, the student will be granted their 2 Florida Dental Assisting Certifications: Expanded Functions Dental Assistant Certification and Dental Radiography Certification.

