Dental Assisting Courses

Award: Diploma
Required number of credits: 46
Program Start: Fall only

Required Background Screenings to Participate in Clinicals
As a student in a health program at Hawkeye Community College you will be required to complete:

- a criminal background check,
- sex offender registry,
- child abuse registry, and
- dependent adult registry.

The outcome could possibly affect your opportunities to participate in the clinical setting.

Bloodborne Pathogens, Infectious Disease, and Ionizing Radiation
As a student of the Allied Dental Programs at Hawkeye Community College, individuals may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens, infectious disease, and ionizing radiation. The Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Programs both educate students in policies which are outlined in the school catalog, student and faculty handbooks, and program policies and procedures manuals, which are effective in ensuring a safe environment. These items are clearly stated verbally and in written form and given to students, faculty, and staff of Hawkeye Community College through set exposure control guidelines.

Safety regarding ionizing radiation is effective and remains a primary focus, including the design of the radiology facilities, the monitoring of potential radiation through the use of the quarterly TLD badge system, and the registration and monitoring of all equipment in compliance with the State of Iowa regulations for safety. The units used for patient exposure allow for the least amount of radiation exposure when used on the film speed E or the phosphor plate sensors.

The Allied Dental Programs accept responsibility for assuring compliance with federal and state regulations regarding bloodborne pathogens standards and hazardous materials/communications. The Programs recognize the potential for bloodborne infectious disease in patients presenting for care in clinic, sterilization, radiology, and in the dental laboratory. Protocols in all clinic and support areas have been established to integrate the ethical, legal, and regulatory considerations.

Program Course Note
You must achieve a minimum "C" grade in all courses that are required to complete the program.

2016–2017 Suggested Sequence of Study and Course Cost
The Dental Assisting program requires a mix of general education and hands-on courses. The following list of courses is the suggested sequence of study for a full-time student.

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Courses are subject to change.

◆ General Education courses
▣ Non-Transfer Gen Ed
► Course has a prerequisite and/or corequisite. See the course description for more details.

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