

SSCC's new Dental Assisting program to begin May 5

A new nine-week Dental Assisting program will be offered through the Continuing Education department of Southern State Community College. Classes will be offered in the evening on the college's Central Campus in Hillsboro.

The Dental Assisting program prepares students for entry-level positions as chair-side dental assistants. Students who complete this comprehensive program will be prepared to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB)-Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam, and the DANB-Infection Control Exam (ICE). The program's \$1199 fee includes all textbooks, workbooks, and related course material. Classes will be held from 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from May 5 through July 7.

The following detailed course topics will be covered: the dental assisting profession and the history of dentistry; dental anatomy and physiology; tooth charting, tooth surfaces, and classification of restorations on a tooth; parts of the jaw and areas of the mouth; oral health and prevention of dental disease; infection control in dentistry and occupational health and safety; patient information and assessment; foundation of clinical dentistry; dental radiology; single crown restoration, bridge, implant, partial denture, and full denture; dental equipment, accessories and the treatment room; dental hand pieces and accessories; dental cements and impression materials; coding of radiology services and the use of ICD-9-CM codes; assisting in comprehensive dental care; dental administration and communication skills; and legal aspects of dentistry, including policies and guidelines.

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