

Dental Assisting Program Admission Requirements

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Dental Assisting Program.

The VSCC Dental Assisting Program is a one-year, three semester, and full-time course and is composed of didactic and clinical instruction. It is designed and organized to promote the personal and professional growth of each student. The main objectives of the program are to prepare the student to function in the dental setting and to academically qualify for the Dental Assistant National Board certification examination and the Tennessee Board of Dentistry registry examination. The American Dental Association is Commission on Dental Accreditation, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation and the United States Department of Education, accredits the program in Dental Assisting.

Enclosed you will find information about admission requirements and selection, a Clinical Observation form, and a semester-by-semester outline.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call:

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Program Mission Statements and Goals

Program Application Procedures

1. Meet all general admissions requirements of Volunteer State Community College
2. Complete a Pre-Health Sciences Interest Form
3. First priority is given to students that have completed all basic requirements prior to the application deadline.
4. ***Application deadline for the Program has been extended until all seats are filled. Below is a listing of the application materials that is required for screening into the Program.***

Completion of documented evidence of 8 hours of clinical observation.
Submit a typed one-page essay entitled,

Submit a VSCC College transcript

Selection is based upon:

*Essay

*Interview

Special consideration is granted to those applicants who have completed coursework at Volunteer State Community College other than developmental learning support courses.

Please send the required materials listed above in one envelope to; Volunteer State Community College: ATTN: Desiree Sutphen Program Director- Dental 1480 Nashville Pike, Gallatin TN 37066 OR scan and send via email to desiree.sutphen@volstate.edu .

Volunteer State Community College
Dental Assisting Program
Clinical Observation Form
8 hours

Email: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip _____

As part of the admissions process, Dental Assisting Program applicants are required to spend at least 8 hours of observation time in a general dental office. Please telephone a dental office and decide with the office representative for a convenient time. The majority of the hours should be spent observing the chairside dental assistant, but you should also observe the roles of the other dental team members. Please ask the office representative what you should wear and if you should supply a laboratory coat in order to

Volunteer State Community College

Technical Certificate-Dental Assisting

Student Check List

Name: _____ Date: _____

Summer