

Dental Courses

Dental Radiology

This is a 45-hour course designed to prepare working dental assistants for the New Jersey Dental X-ray Examination. The course will include the history and development of X-ray, its nature and properties. Practical experience will be given in intraoral radiologic techniques. Emphasis will be placed on radiation hygiene and protection and the New Jersey radiation code. Specific topics will include: effects of radiation exposure, X-ray film and its processing, correcting faulty radiographs, extraoral radiography, patient management, the New Jersey Environmental Code, and much more.

Prerequisites:

1. A High School Diploma or G.E.D. must accompany application. (Foreign students must contact the Dental Department (x4472) prior to application).
2. At least 18 years of age.
3. Employed as a working dental assistant in the state of New Jersey so that your employer may afford you the affiliate site for the completion of mandatory clinical hours. If for any reason the affiliate site cannot afford the student the opportunity to meet clinical requirements, it will be the responsibility of the student to select an alternate affiliation.

This course requires a special application from the Continuing Education Department. No other applications will be accepted. Call 374-4955 for an application.

Cost: \$350 Blackwood Location, Taft Hall
CE.ALH 016-51 1/26 – 5/11
15 sessions T, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

This dental assisting radiology course is accredited by the New Jersey Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners.

Dental Assisting Review Course

This is a review course for the working dental assistant. Topics include, but are not limited to: manipulation of dental materials, OSHA standards, local anesthesia, nutrition, pharmacology, sterilization techniques, four-handed dentistry, charting, oral health counseling, patient management, and medical emergencies. This course does not include a review of radiology.

Cost: \$250 Blackwood Campus
CE.ALH 015-51 1/26 – 5/11
15 sessions T, 7-10 p.m.

Local Anesthesia for Registered Dental Hygienists

This course will prepare the student to safely and effectively administer local dental anesthesia as current New Jersey legislation allows. The course will include the neurophysiology and psychology of pain; pharmacology of anesthetic agents; a review of anatomy and physiology as they relate to the administration of local dental anesthesia; patient evaluation; selection of appropriate armamentarium, anesthetic agents and techniques; and recognition and management of emergencies and complications. This course will include classroom and clinical components.

A detailed medical history must be completed and submitted before starting the lab portion of this course. Each student must complete at least 20 monitored administrations of local anesthesia during the 12 hour lab. These injections will include maxillary and mandibular infiltration, inferior alveolar nerve blocks, mental nerve blocks and long buccal nerve blocks. Injections must be completed on both right and left sides. Students will be partnered. Each student will be both an operator and a patient. Any student who is unable to receive anesthesia must provide medical documentation and a patient to replace him/herself. A schedule for each student will be developed prior to beginning the laboratory portion of the course.

Students must attend all sessions, successfully complete all injections, pass the course final exam and the North East Regional Board Anesthesia Exam before being eligible to apply to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry for their local anesthesia permit.

Required textbook: Handbook of Local Anesthesia, 5th edition, Stanley F. Malamed; Elsevier Mosby, 2004. Cost of the textbook is not included in the fee for the course.

This course has been approved by the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry.

Prerequisites: At the time of registration, the following must be submitted:

1. Proof of current registration as a Dental Hygienist in the State of New Jersey
2. Copy of current certificate in CPR, either AHA Healthcare Provider Course "C", or American Red Cross Professional Rescuer
3. Documentation which proves active health insurance. A copy of both sides of your insurance card must be submitted.

This course requires a special application form from the Continuing Education Department. No other applications will be accepted. Please call us at (856) 374-4955 or stop in the CIM Center, Room 207, for an application.

Cost: \$800 Blackwood Campus, Taft 200
CE.ALH 071-51 1/25 – 4/12
11 Sessions M, 6:30-9:30 p.m.