**About the program:**

Students in this two-year program are preparing to perform all the tasks of a dental assistant. These tasks include: exposing, processing and mounting X-rays, preparing materials for various procedures including impressions, removing sutures, placing topical anesthetics, and making diagnostic study models for alginate impressions. This program also gives students a foundation to pursue the Dental Hygienist post-secondary degree through a two or four-year college/university.

**Career Opportunities:**

- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Laboratory Technician
- Dental Sales
- Dental Office Manager
- Administrative Assistant
- Dental Assistant

**Topics of study:**

- Maintenance of patient records
- Sterilization & disinfection of instruments & equipment
- Preparation of patients for dental treatment & application of topical anesthetics
- Arrangement of dental instruments, materials, and medications such as fillings & cements
- Laboratory procedures such as pouring, trimming, and polishing cast
- Post-op & oral hygiene instructions for patients
- Taking, developing, & mounting X-rays

**Certifications:**

- NOCTI
- Radiation Health & Safety

**Important to Note:** Students enrolling in this program must have good hand/eye coordination, manual dexterity, and color discrimination as well as a 10th grade reading level. Students must have completed Biology with a minimum grade of “B”.

**Do You Like?**

- Working with people
- Caring for patients
- Being independent
- Working with new technologies

……. Then this is the program for you!

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