



## How do I get started in one of the dental programs?

Apply for admission at the Mott Community College Office of Admissions, Recruitment, and Articulation or call (810) 762-0315 and an application will be mailed to you. You may also visit our web site at [www.mcc.edu](http://www.mcc.edu) for more information about the college and each of the Dental Programs.

Both the Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Programs have an established eligibility list. In order to qualify for entrance into one of the programs, students must meet the criteria for eligibility.

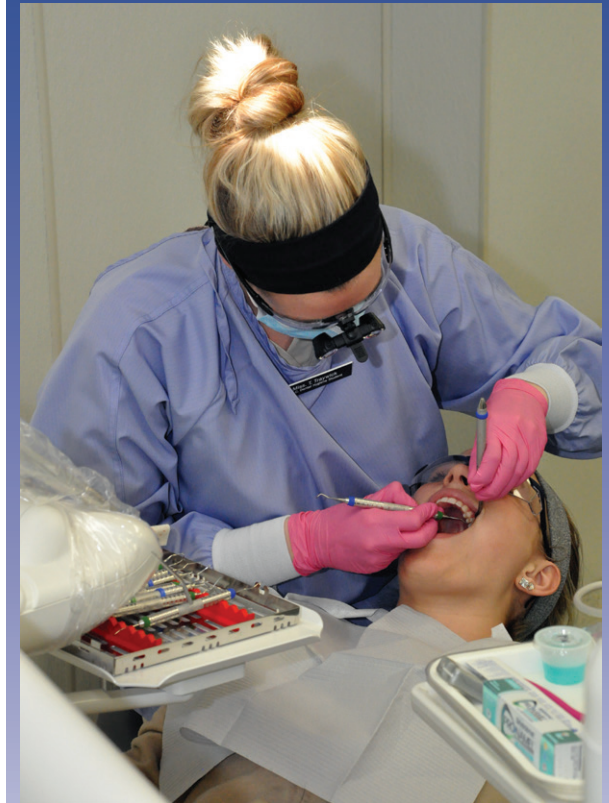
For further information on eligibility requirements and the dental assisting and dental hygiene curricula visit the Academic Advising Center located in the Marie Pahl Center or call the Academic Advisor for Health Sciences at (810) 762-0331, the Dental Hygiene Coordinator at (810) 762-0328 or the Dental Assisting Program Coordinator at (810) 762-0496.

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## Dental Assisting Dental Hygiene



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## What does a dental assistant do?

Under the supervision of a licensed dentist, a Registered Dental Assistant may perform the following duties:

- Record patient medical history
- Prepare patients for dental treatment
- Arrange dental instruments and prepare materials required of dental procedures
- Transfer dental instruments to the dentist
- Expose and process dental radiographs
- Make impressions for mouth guards and bleaching trays
- Perform dental laboratory procedures
- Provide oral hygiene instructions to patients
- Place and carve amalgam restorations
- Perform sealant applications
- Place rubber dam prior to dental procedures
- Place temporary restorations, crowns and bridges
- Perform fluoride treatments
- Maintain dental treatment records
- Perform clerical duties
- Control inventory of dental office equipment and supplies

Dental Assisting is continually changing to meet the demands of today's technology as it responds to patient needs. The Registered Dental Assistant is considered a valuable auxiliary member of the dental team.

## What degree will I hold when I finish the dental assisting program?

When you complete the Dental Assisting Program at Mott Community College you are a candidate for the Certificate of Achievement or by completing the basic Dental Assisting Certificate program requirements and 8-9 additional courses with a "C" (2.0) or better grade, students are eligible to receive an Associate in Applied Science Degree.

The dental assisting program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The Commission is a

specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education.

Graduates of this program will complete requirements that qualify them to take the State Board examination for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) and the Dental Assisting National Board to become a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA).



## What does a dental hygienist do?

A Registered Dental Hygienist is an auxiliary member of the dental profession who works under the supervision of a licensed dentist. A Registered Dental Hygienist will routinely perform the following dental procedures:

- Record patient medical history
- Assess and record patient oral conditions
- Provide oral hygiene instructions to patients
- Assess need and provide necessary antimicrobial medicaments
- Debride and polish tooth surfaces with hand and mechanical instruments
- Expose and process dental radiographs
- Make preliminary impressions
- Perform sealant applications
- Perform fluoride treatments
- Provide local anesthetic for dental patients
- Pain management

## What degree will I hold when I finish the dental hygiene program?

When you complete the Dental Hygiene Program at Mott Community College you are a candidate for an Associate in Applied Science degree.

The dental hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678 or on the web at [www.ada.org/100.aspx](http://www.ada.org/100.aspx).

Graduates of this program will complete requirements that qualify them to take the National Board Examination and the North East Regional Board Examination for licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH).

## Physical and mental effort

Repetitive hand movements with dental instruments and equipment are required of both the Dental Assistant and Dental Hygienist.

## Environmental and working conditions

Frequently exposed to blood, body tissues or fluids; sharps such as needles, scissors, and instruments; high and low temperatures; dust, latex, high humidity; radiation as in computer monitors. May be exposed to other hazardous human or industrial waste materials or chemicals.

