



## **Program Mission Statements and Goals**

### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Dental Assisting Program at Volunteer State Community College is to produce entry-level graduates that are competent assistants, registry eligible and demonstrate professional concern for their patient.

### **Outcome Goals:**

Student will demonstrate the basic skills to be a competent dental assistant.

Students will define the terminology unique to dental assisting.

Students will illustrate comprehension of professional ethical standards for dental assisting.

Students will apply and demonstrate the basic knowledge of dental assisting in the dental setting and the career options.

Students will apply and demonstrate critical thinking, problem solving and decision-making skills within the parameters of dental assisting.

### **This profession may expose the student to bloodborne pathogens.**

*Therefore, the Dental Assisting Program follows all rules and regulations set forth by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The*

## **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 16 hours of clinical observation.  
Submit a typed one-page

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](mailto: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 o

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