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Pathways to Completion – Short-Term Certificate (Dental Assisting)

Overview: The Dental Assisting program at LTCC consists of three courses. In Dental Assisting and Radiology, Part 1 (HEA 147A), students learn the skills necessary to begin a career as an entry-level, back-office Dental Assistant. In Dental Radiology, Part 2 (HEA 147B), students learn anatomic interpretation, x-ray technique, and radiation safety. This radiology curriculum is approved by the California Board of Dental Examiners. In Dental Radiology, Part 3 (Externship) (HEA 147C), students hone their workplace dental assisting skills and take part in a comprehensive externship placement experience. Upon successful completion of all three courses, students will be awarded a Short-Term Departmental Certificate in Dental Assisting and a Radiation Safety Certificate (required to work in a California dental office). For further information about this program, contact the Career and Technical Education department at extension 583 or 723. **Corequisites:** CPR Card (Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers), Verification of Hep-B vaccination, Verification of Tetanus vaccination, and Verification of negative TB Test

All courses from the following (21 units):

HEA 147A Dental Assisting and Radiology, Part 1
HEA 147B Dental Radiology, Part 2
HEA 147C Dental Radiology, Part 3 (Externship)

HEA-147A: Dental Assisting and Radiology, Part 1 - 7.25 units This course is the first of a three-part series which provides students with the skills necessary to work in dental offices as entry-level, back office assistants. This course includes basic dental terminology, tooth identification, intraoral anatomy, four-handed dentistry, sterilization, and asepsis. Successful completion of the entire three-course sequence, to include HEA 147A, HEA 147B, and HEA 147C, will culminate in a Dental Assisting certificate and a California Radiation Safety certificate. Uniforms will be required for this course (approximate cost \$30); information will be provided by the instructor at the first class session. **Materials Fee: \$25**

HEA-147B: Dental Radiology, Part 2 - 8.25 units This course is the second of a three-part sequence focusing on advanced dental radiological safety procedures, anatomic interpretation, and mounting. Students will receive hands-on experience in perfecting x-ray technique using both the paralleling and bisecting techniques. The radiology curriculum is approved by the California Board of Dental Examiners and successful completion of the entire course sequence, to include HEA 147A, HEA 147B, and HEA 147C will culminate in a Dental Assisting short-term career preparation certificate and a California Radiation Safety certificate. Uniforms will be required for this course (approximate cost \$30); information will be provided by the instructor at the first class session. **Prerequisites:** HEA 147A or equivalent experience **Materials Fee: \$30.**

HEA-147C: Dental Radiology, Part 3 (Externship) - 5.5 units This course is the third part of a three-part course sequence which prepares students for responsible positions as dental assistants. The focus in this course is on acquiring advanced dental assisting skills through externship placement and lab practice and completion of patient radiographs. Students will practice and perfect their chairside skills in an actual dentist office and will meet with the instructor on a weekly basis for additional skill practice of advanced procedures. Students are required to complete a minimum of 50 externship hours. The radiology curriculum is approved by the California Board of Dental Examiners and successful completion of the entire course sequence, to include HEA 147A, HEA 147B, and HEA 147C will culminate in a Dental Assisting certificate and a California Radiation Safety certificate. Uniforms will be required for this course (approximate cost \$30); information will be provided by the instructor at the first class session. **Prerequisites:** HEA 147B or equivalent experience. **Materials Fee: \$35**

Fall 2016

- HEA 147A-01 Dental Assisting and Radiology, Part 1 M and W: 3:30-7:40 PM 9/19 – 12/5/16 [7.25 units]

Winter 2017

- HEA 147B-01 Dental Radiology, Part 2 M and W: 3:30-8:35PM 1/9 – 3/29/17 [8.25 units]

Spring 2017

- HEA 147C-01 Description Dental Radiology, Part 3 (Externship) M and W: 3:30-6:25PM 4/10 – 6/26/17 [5.5 units]

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LTCC also offers a Short-term Certificate in Phlebotomy and Physical Therapy Aide!

