

The Dental Assistant student must be able to meet the following technical standards:

- Ability to work independently and manage a variety of tasks in a short amount of time.
- Handle stressful situations related to technical and procedural standards of patient care situations.
- Provide physical and emotional support to the patient during dental procedures.
- Demonstrate effective interpersonal relation skills
- Communicate both verbally and in writing in an effective manner to explain procedures and give instructions.
- Understand and react quickly to verbal instruction.
- Follow directions effectively and work closely with members of the dental team.
- Hear under normal conditions with or without hearing device
- Possess eyesight capable of viewing small visual images with or without glasses, and distinguish between black, white and subtle shades of gray.
- Demonstrate finger dexterity and eye/hand coordination to perform large and small motor coordination in a small working area (a patient's mouth).
- Stand in place for long periods of time.
- Lift up to 10 pounds.
- Operate dental radiology equipment, which could require pushing, pulling or moving.
- Stoop to retrieve dental supplies.
- Sit for prolonged periods of time on the dental stool and occupy a small space opposite the dentist in the operatory (approximately 3'x3').
- Reach to overhead radiographic equipment and dental operating light (approximately 5' above the floor).
- Possess tactile sense for examining teeth and oral tissues.
- Not prone to psoriasis, dermatitis, or other chronic skin disorders with open lesions or allergic responses to dental materials and agents.
- Perform skills (such as CPR) related to emergency procedures required in a dental office.