



Dental Assisting Program

Workforce Certificate

Information/Application Packet

Florida State College at Jacksonville
North Campus
4501 Capper Rd. Room A320
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Mission Statement

Florida State College at Jacksonville provides high value, relevant life-long education that enhances the intellectual, social, cultural and economic development of our diverse community.

Program Mission Statement

The mission of the Workforce Certificate in Dental Assisting program is to create competent, ethical and confident entry-level dental assistants who are prepared to immediately seek employment in dental offices in Northeast Florida and beyond. This is accomplished with a combination of classroom and laboratory instruction at the College and clinical instruction in private dental offices and clinics in the vicinity. A primary goal of the program is to instill in our graduates a commitment to professional development through life-long learning and service to the community.

Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in applying to Florida State College at Jacksonville's Dental Assisting program! Your decision to pursue a degree in dental assisting is an excellent one and will certainly open the door to many exciting and valuable opportunities in this health care field. If you are accepted into the program, we are confident that you will engage in rich academic experiences and will be proud of the progress you make as you aim to complete the program.

Please know that **you** are the most important person to FSCJ employees. Faculty, staff and administrators are dedicated to providing a student-centered campus that is technologically on the cutting edge, responsive to the needs of our students and communities of interest, and committed to documenting successful student outcomes.

Prior to completing this application packet, please carefully review the requirements of your selected program to determine if this is the right choice for you. If you need assistance with making your career choice, please visit the Career Development Center or call (904) 766-6679. Note the critical deadlines for submitting the documents, and ensure that all required documentation accompanies the application submission. If you need assistance with any of the information, our program department leaders and student service representatives stand ready and willing to assist!

We wish you luck with the application process. Upon acceptance to any of our programs, we encourage you to stop by and let us personally greet you as you either accomplish the fulfillment of any prerequisite coursework or begin your core courses. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to make a difference in your future!

With Best Regards,

Dr. Sandy Robinson
Campus President

Dr. Neal Henning
Dean of Career Education

Florida State College at Jacksonville

General Information

Florida State College at Jacksonville is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the baccalaureate and associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, or call (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Florida State College at Jacksonville. The Commission is to be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support an institution's significant non-compliance with a requirement or standard.

Equal Access/Equal Opportunity

Florida State College at Jacksonville does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, disability, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, age, sex, sexual orientation/expression, marital status, veteran status, or genetic information in its programs or activities.

The College is committed to ensuring that all persons are not subject to discrimination. The complaint of any student, employee or applicant who believes they have experienced discrimination or harassment, including workplace or classroom harassment, discrimination in hiring or admission practices, ADA complaints and other acts of discrimination or harassment can file a complaint through the College's Equity Office.

Ms. Lisa Moore currently serves as the College's Equity Officer and Title IX Coordinator, who ensures compliance with federal, state and local laws prohibiting discrimination and sexual harassment.

Anyone who believes they have been subject to discrimination or harassment can complete and submit the [equity intake form](#) or contact:

[Lisa Moore](#)

Executive Director, Employee Relations and College Equity Officer
501 W. State Street, 4th Floor
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

equityofficer@fscj.edu (confidential)
(904) 632-3221 (confidential)
(904) 632-3326

General Professional Information

Industry Information: Dental assistants have many tasks, ranging from providing patient care and taking x-rays to recordkeeping and scheduling appointments. Their duties vary by state and by the dentists' offices where they work.

Program Information: The Dental Assisting program provides students with theoretical, practical and clinical skills. Courses include dental basic sciences, dental radiographic techniques, dental materials, sterilization and disease control, chairside assisting, office management, dental specialties and expanded duties. The Dental Assisting program has been approved by the Florida Board of Dentistry to offer certification in the following expanded duties and dental radiology:

- Making alginate impressions for study casts
- Removing sutures
- Placing or removing temporary restorations
- Polishing amalgam restorations
- Polishing clinical crowns for the purpose of stain removal
- Applying sealants
- Preliminary charting of existing conditions
- Placing and removing periodontal dressings
- Placing and removing matrices
- Placing and removing rubber dam
- Applying cavity liners, varnishes, or bases
- Applying topical fluorides
- Removing excess cement
- Placing gingival retraction cord
- Fabrication of temporary crowns and bridges
- Cementing temporary crowns and bridges
- Positioning and exposing dental radiographic film

Jobs: According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of dental assistants is expected to grow by 25 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations. Ongoing research linking oral health and general health will continue to spur the demand for preventative dental services. Bureau of Labor Statistics, <http://www.bls.gov/>.

Upon completion of coursework, Florida State College at Jacksonville does not guarantee employment or salary in a given field of study. Any jobs mentioned are given as examples of potential employment.

Dental Assisting Program Course Requirements/ Sequence

All Dental Assisting courses must be taken in sequence, except in rare, extenuating circumstances with the permission of the program director. Students must achieve a "C" average in all courses prior to graduation from the program. No Dental Assisting course may be repeated more than twice. Any reinstatements must be approved by the program director after consultation with the Admission Committee. Enrollment into the program will typically occur in the fall term.

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Contact Hours</u>
<u>Term 1</u>	
DEA 0020 Introduction to Clinical Procedures	40
DEA 0020L Introduction to Clinical Procedures Laboratory	80
DEA 0130 Biological Sciences for the Dental Assistant	60
DEA 0725 Introduction to Dental Assisting	90
DES 0021 Head, Neck and Dental Anatomy	60
DES 0103 Dental Materials	30
DES 0103L Dental Materials Laboratory	34
DES 0205 Radiology I	30
DES 0205L Radiology I Laboratory	50
DES 0501 Dental Office Management	32
<u>Term 2</u>	
DEA 0029 Dental Specialties	112
DEA 0311 Preventive Dentistry	32
DEA 0834 Expanded Functions	32
DEA 0834L Expanded Functions Laboratory	88
DEA 0850 Dental Assisting Clinical Practice I	112
DES 0053 Pharmacology and Dental Office Emergencies	32
DES 0206 Radiology II	32
DES 0206L Radiology II Laboratory	32
<u>Term 3</u>	
DEA 0851 Dental Assisting Clinical Practice II	224
DEA 0936 Seminar	28
Total Contact Hours	1230

Application And Admission Process:

The Dental Assisting program is a limited-access program; therefore, admission is competitive. One class is admitted annually to the Dental Assisting program each fall term.

Application is a two-step process. You must first make **vocational** application to Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ). This can be done online or at any FSCJ campus, and there will be a one-time \$25 fee. After applying to FSCJ, you may then apply *specifically* to the Dental Assisting program. This limited access program is open to applicants regardless of race, religious affiliation, sex or age. Applicants must meet the Florida State College at Jacksonville admissions eligibility requirements (see college website for information).

All applicants should contact any campus admissions office to determine if they need to take the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) and for other admissions requirements. To be considered for admission to the Dental Assisting program, a completed application must be on file by July 1, 2015. Applicants will be required to have a drug screen and background check performed prior to entrance into the program.

Process for Selection of Qualified Applicants

Applicant ranking is based on the sum of two scores: the TABE score and Grade Point Average (GPA) or GED® score. The maximum score is 50 points.

*TABE – scoring of the TABE test is calculated from the scores earned on the Reading, Math, and Language sections of the test. The applicant will receive 10 points for each section in which a score of 10 or higher is earned. Students with a TABE exemption will receive the maximum points possible (30). Possible points = 30

GPA/GED® – The applicant may select to use their high school or college (12 or more college credits) GPA or GED® score, whichever is higher. The GED® score is calculated by dividing the first 3 digits of the score by 5, ie. GED® score of 3500 is calculated as $350/5 = 70$, then...

- Applicants with a high school or college GPA of 3.0 or higher or a GED® score of 70 or higher = 20 points
- Applicants with a high school or college GPA of 2.0 to 2.9 or a GED® score of 60 - 69 = 10 points
- Applicants with a high school or college GPA of 1.9 or lower or a GED® score of 59 or lower = 0 points

When the application deadline is reached, all complete applications will be ranked from 0 to 50 and the 24 students with the highest scores will be offered acceptance. Should any decline a position, their spots will be offered to alternates in order of rank.

*TABE Scores Below 10.0

Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) – Students may apply to the program with any TABE score, however, if accepted, the student must meet or exceed the Florida Department of Education’s minimum TABE scores in Reading (10.0), Math (10.0), and Language (10.0) to be eligible to graduate the Dental Assisting program.

Submission of Application

✓	Requirement
	Apply for admission to Florida State College at Jacksonville, be currently enrolled at Florida State College at Jacksonville or be a former Florida State College at Jacksonville student.
	Apply for admission to the Dental Assisting program using the “Dental Assisting Application 2015” form (available at fscj.edu/dental).
	Take the TABE and submit the printed profile chart of your test scores to the Dental Assisting program office prior to the application deadline of July 1; see pg. 4
	Submit official high school and college transcript (of all college courses taken at other institutions). Note: <i>An “official” transcript is one that is mailed directly from the school to Florida State College or submitted by the applicant in a sealed envelope. If the seal is broken the transcript is considered “unofficial”.</i>
	A minimum 2.0 (C) college grade-point average is required to be considered for admission.

Deadline for application to Dental Assisting Program is July 1, 2015.

Please mail all correspondence, application and transcripts to the following address:

Florida State College at Jacksonville
Dental Programs
4501 Capper Road
Jacksonville, FL 32218

Candidates will be notified by mail of their status after all completed applications have been reviewed. Information concerning a student's status will not be given over the telephone. NOTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to keep the Dental Assisting program informed of any changes in mailing address. Incorrect addresses may delay a candidate's notification or cause the candidate to lose his/her seat.

Estimated Expenses

These figures are approximate and subject to change. They are calculated for Florida resident tuition.

Expenses	
Fall Term	
Tuition & Fees	\$1,470.00
Textbooks	200.00
Uniforms/Lab Coat /Shoes	200.00
Supplies	50.00
Background check	100.00
Subtotal	\$2,020.00
Term 2	
Tuition & Fees	\$1,368.00
Textbooks	100.00
Subtotal	\$1,468.00
Term 3	
Tuition & Fees	\$735.00
Subtotal	\$735.00
Approximate Total Cost	\$4,223.00

*Tuition and fees are subject to change. All tuition is calculated using in-state rates. Out-of-state tuition is approximately four times in-state tuition.

Additional Fees

Computerized Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) General Chairside Assisting, Infection Control and Radiation Health and Safety Exams may be taken in the Spring Term. These exams are optional and there are individual fees for each exam. Successful completion of all three exams earns the designation Certified Dental Assistant (CDA).

Application for the above exams can be obtained from the Dental Assisting National Board (<http://dentalassisting.org/>).

Financial Aid

Florida State College at Jacksonville offers many types of financial assistance to students who would otherwise be unable to further their education without such support. Depending on the type of aid, eligibility is based on one or more of the following criteria: financial need of the individual (in the case of dependent students, family need is used), educational costs, academic achievement and availability of funds. Inquiries regarding financial aid should be directed to the enrollment services/financial aid office on the student's home campus. A student's home campus is his/her point of contact for academic advising, financial aid advising and disbursement of funds.

Florida State College at Jacksonville's Federal School Code is 001484.

Remember, it is your responsibility to...

- apply early for financial aid assistance; ***do not wait for acceptance into the program before beginning this process;***
- complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) each year; (FAFSAs for the upcoming fall term are available after January 1);
- submit all required forms and documentation to Florida State College at Jacksonville; and
- use financial aid for educationally related expenses only.

The entire process takes a minimum of six weeks to complete.

Performance Standards for Admission, Progression and Graduation from Dental Assisting Program

The Dental Assisting Program is committed to the principle of diversity. In that spirit, admission to this program is open to all qualified applicants and complies with the American with Disabilities Act and with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Throughout the program curriculum, students acquire the foundation of knowledge, attitude, skills and behaviors that are necessary to function as a dental assistant. Those attitudes, behaviors, and skills that a dental assistant must possess to practice safely are reflected in the standards that follow.

Candidates for program completion must be able to meet these minimum standards, with or without reasonable accommodation.

Standard	General Performance Statement	Essential Function
Motor Skills	<p><i>With or without reasonable accommodation, the student should be able to:</i></p> <p>Demonstrate a high degree of manual dexterity and the ability to execute motor movements reasonably required to provide general treatment and emergency care to patients/clients; adequate strength and ability to perform lifting and patient transfers into a dental chair; the ability to maneuver with functional coordination and mobility in small spaces.</p>	<p>It is <u>required</u> that the student:</p> <p>Be independent in mobility to move quickly in and around the classroom, laboratory, and clinical operatory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide for patient safety and well-being in positioning of dental chair, dental light and x-ray equipment. - Quickly move from different positions, as required, to perform chairside clinical skills as well as be prepared to administer emergency care procedures. - Exhibit sufficient manual dexterity to manipulate and control small motor driven equipment. - Perform dental assisting instrumentation with hand and rotary instruments. - Perform expanded duties. - Move adequately from sterilization, reception room, business office, x-ray rooms and clinical operatories. - Successfully complete a CPR Certification course.

Standard	General Performance Statement	Essential Function
Visual	<p><i>With or without reasonable accommodation, the student should be able to:</i></p> <p>Demonstrate visual acuity and perception sufficient for observation and assessment of needs to insure safe and effective clinical performance.</p>	<p>It is <u>required</u> that the student:</p> <p>Observe lecture, and laboratory demonstrations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Receive information via visual observation, assessment, and evaluation of oral tissues with regard to normal and abnormal conditions. - Demonstrate normal color vision sufficient to recognize subtle changes in oral tissues. - Observe and assess the patient's response to treatment.
Communication	<p>Demonstrate the ability to communicate clearly with patients/clients, physicians, other health professionals, faculty, significant others, caregivers, community or professional groups and colleagues.</p> <p>Communication includes: verbal and nonverbal expression, reading, writing, computation, and computer skills.</p>	<p>Participate, via in-class and group discussions, in the delivery and receiving of information and in responding to questions from a variety of sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Display knowledge of basic written grammar and spelling skills. - Report accurately and legibly through progress notes in the patient's chart. - Explain treatment, preventive procedures, and disease processes to patient and/or caregiver in a way that is easily understood. - Recognize and respect the physical and psychological needs of others. - Communicate with patient/client and faculty regarding patient care and referrals.

Standard	General Performance Statement	Essential Function
Hearing	<p><i>With or without reasonable accommodation, the student should be able to:</i></p> <p>Demonstrate functional use of hearing to acquire and mentally process information that is heard, and to better monitor and assess patient/client health needs.</p>	<p>It is <u>required</u> that the student:</p> <p>Hear and obtain appropriate course information from faculty and peers and to process this information for use in laboratory settings and on examinations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listen actively. - Acquire accurate medical history and data collection verbally from the patient or guardian. - Demonstrate the ability to audibly ascertain if a patient is experiencing a medical emergency.
Interpersonal	<p>Demonstrate the ability to relate to others verbally beyond giving and receiving instruction, and to cooperate with people from a variety of social, emotional, intellectual and cultural backgrounds.</p>	<p>Develop a concern for others, such as classmates, staff, patient/clients and faculty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cooperate with others and be able to work as a team member. - Acquire the ability to maintain poise and flexibility in stressful or changing conditions. - Establish rapport and working relationships with colleagues and patient/clients. - Recognize and respond appropriately to individuals of all ages, genders, races, sexual preferences, socio-economic, religious and cultural backgrounds.
Self Care	<p>Demonstrate the ability to maintain general good health and self-care in order not to jeopardize the health and safety of self and individuals with whom one interacts within the academic and clinical setting.</p>	<p>Maintain personal hygiene.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrate safety habits and work area neatness. - Comply with industry health and safety standards, OSHA guidelines, and material safety data. - Maintain a lifestyle that is consistent with one's educational and professional requirements.

Standard	General Performance Statement	Essential Function
Critical Thinking	<p><i>With or without reasonable accommodation, the student should be able to:</i></p> <p>Demonstrate critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment and problem solving, to maintain competent judgment under stressful conditions, and to apply quick reaction time in an emergency situation.</p>	<p>It is <u>required</u> that the student:</p> <p>Apply critical thinking processes to solve work related problems in the classroom and in various clinical settings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exercise sound, ethical judgment in class, laboratory and clinic situations. - Follow safety procedures established for each class, laboratory and clinic. - Be able to self-evaluate and strive to improve technical skills. - Identify problems, take action and be responsible for that decision.
Organizational Skills	Demonstrate the ability to handle multi-tasks simultaneously and to operate in a logical, sequential, and orderly manner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prioritize and complete tasks in the clinical patient/client care setting within a specified amount of time. - Organize required classroom assignments, laboratory work, and extra-curricular activities each semester into a realistic workable schedule that will facilitate student learning and success.
Intellectual Abilities	Demonstrate the ability to read, write, speak and understand English at a level consistent with successful course completion and with development of positive patient-student relationships.	<p>Comprehend and assimilate verbal and written program/course materials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Perform simple and repetitive tasks. - Learn to reconcile conflicting information. - Use proper punctuation, grammar, and spelling in written work that is neat and legible. - Follow verbal and written instructions at a 75 percent or better level of competency.

Standard	General Performance Statement	Essential Function
Commitment to Learning	<p><i>With or without reasonable accommodation, the student should be able to:</i></p> <p>Demonstrate a positive attitude toward decision-making policies and program operating rules and procedures, as applied, as well as learning new concepts and abilities within the program's operational policies and methods.</p>	<p>It is <u>required</u> that the student:</p> <p>Display initiative, motivation, and a willingness to learn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete reading assignments and other activities in a timely manner. - Complete all work without resorting to cheating or plagiarism. - Attend all class, laboratory and clinicals, as assigned. - Be consistently punctual to all classes, laboratories and clinical assignments.
Affective Learning Skills (Behavioral & Social Attitudes)	<p>Demonstrate appropriate affective behaviors and mental attitudes in order not to jeopardize the mental, emotional, physical, and behavioral safety of patients/clients and other individuals with whom one interacts in the academic, laboratory, and clinical setting. Acknowledge and respect individual values and opinions in order to foster harmonious working relationships with colleagues, peers and patients/clients.</p>	<p>Display an ability to sustain the mental and emotional rigors of a demanding educational program, which includes an academic and clinical component, that occurs within set time constraints.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Show a willingness to accept challenges. - Be open to feedback. - Follow guidelines and rules for the College and program.



**Florida State College at Jacksonville
Dental Assisting Program
Application**

Date: _____ Date Received: _____

**Social Security # _____ Enrollment Intention: _____ Year

Personal Information: Type or Print in INK.

1. Give exact legal and full name. (Do not use initials):

Last First Middle Maiden

2. Present Mailing Address:

Number & Street City State Zip

3. Permanent Mailing Address:

Number & Street City State Zip

4. Email Address _____

5. Telephone Number: Home: _____ Work: _____
Mobile: _____

6. Birthdate: _____ 7. Birthplace: _____

8. Age: ____ 9. Sex: Female ☐ Male ☐ 10. County: _____

11. *Race: ☐ Black (not of Hispanic Origin) ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Hispanic
☐ White (not of Hispanic Origin) ☐ Optional

*This data will be used only as they relate to State and Federal reports.

**In compliance with Florida Statute 119.071(5), Florida State College at Jacksonville issues this notification regarding the purpose of the collection and use of Social Security numbers. Florida State College will collect your Social Security Number (SSN) for record identification, state and federal reporting. Providing your SSN on this application means that you consent to the use of your number in the manner described. If you choose not to provide your SSN, you will be provided an alternate identification number. All Social Security Numbers are protected by Federal regulations and are not to be released to unauthorized parties. Read more about the collection and use of social security numbers (<http://www.fscj.edu/ssn>).

11. High School (address) _____
12. Equivalency Diploma _____
 Date: _____
 Issuing Agency _____
 City & State _____

13. Colleges/Training institutions attended (Sequential order)

	Dates From/To	Major or Degree	GPA and Hours Earned
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

14. List previous health-related work experience:

Position	Dates From/To	Responsibilities
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

15. Give a descriptive statement of your health status over the past three years.

IMPORTANT: Transcripts or GED® Test Scores **MUST** be attached to this application.

Signature _____ Date _____

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 4501 Capper Road
 Jacksonville, FL 32218

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Additional Information

Students are notified of their conditional acceptance into the Dental Assisting program by mail. It is expected that letters will be mailed within 2-4 weeks of the application deadline. Students who receive conditional letters of acceptance must accept the seat within two weeks. If the student does not accept the seat by the deadline, the seat will be offered to the next highest-ranked candidate on the Alternate List.

Requirements Upon Acceptance of Admission to the Program

The following must be completed by students who are accept admission to the Dental Assisting program:

1. Program Orientation Session
Students are required to attend a Program Orientation Session to be held at Florida State College at Jacksonville's North Campus. There will be one orientation session, and the student will be notified of the time, date, and location of the orientation session in the acceptance letter.
2. Student Health Certificate, Immunization History and Hepatitis B Vaccine
Students must submit a current Student Health Certificate (completed by a physician), immunization history, Tetanus, diphtheria (TD) within last 10 years, MMR IGG, Varicella titer and Hepatitis B.
3. Medical Insurance
Students are strongly encouraged to carry medical insurance while enrolled in the Dental Assisting program. The student is responsible for any and all costs related to their medical needs while enrolled in the program.

Students Requesting Reinstatement

No guarantee of reinstatement is offered to students who withdraw from the program for academic or personal reasons. Students requesting reinstatement after withdrawal from the Dental Assisting program will be considered on an individual basis. Students that are granted reinstatement will do so only after signing a contract describing the program's behavioral and academic expectations for the readmitted student and the consequences of noncompliance.

Reapplication Process

In the event you are not selected for entrance to the Dental Assisting program, the procedure for reapplying follows:

1. Call (904) 766-6571 and ask that your application be reactivated prior to the deadline.
2. Applicants that wish to be reconsidered for upcoming classes are responsible for meeting any new criteria for that class as they are announced.
3. Please supply up-to-date changes, if they have occurred. (Example: additional courses taken, new TABE scores)

Criminal Background Check

Most clinical agencies require students to undergo drug screen and criminal background checks prior to placement in the agencies for clinical experiences. Student's whose drug screening and criminal background checks are deemed unsatisfactory may be denied access to clinical experiences by the clinical agencies. Failure to qualify for and meet clinical requirements at clinical sites may prevent completion of the program.

Withdrawal from the program may be necessary if students cannot be placed for clinical experiences.

Some practice settings may have additional requirements including health insurance, a volunteer application, references, fingerprinting and background check, drug testing, and/or an interview prior to the start of the clinical experience. The additional requirements are the responsibility of the student, including expenses.

The cost of the background check(s) and drug screen(s) is borne by the student. Additionally, it is the student's responsibility to have all paperwork completed by the program's published deadline.

Students who are unable to complete the clinical requirements after acceptance into selective access programs are not eligible for refunds of tuition.

A physical examination will be required upon acceptance to the program.

Infectious Disease Policy

In the performance of assigned treatments and/ or procedures, students enrolled in the Dental Assisting program at Florida State College at Jacksonville may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens that may progress to an infectious disease. Students seeking admission to the dental programs may, through previous exposure, be infected with an infectious disease. To protect the health and safety of students, as well as faculty, staff, and patients, the Florida State College at Jacksonville Dental Assisting program has established an Infectious Disease Policy that describes the proper techniques and procedures necessary to minimize these risks. Instruction in infection control and prevention is a significant part of our dental assisting curriculum. Applicants interested in obtaining a copy of the program's Infectious Disease Policy can do so by calling (904) 766-6571.

Thank you for your interest in the Dental Assisting program at Florida State College at Jacksonville. We would like to assist in any way we can to enable you to achieve your educational goals.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office at (904) 766-6571 if you have any questions.

Addendum:

Effective July 1, 2009, pursuant to Section 456.0635, Florida Statutes, health care review boards shall refuse to renew a license, certificate or registration, issue a license, certificate or registration and shall refuse to admit a candidate for examination if the applicant has been convicted or plead guilty or nolo contendere, regardless of adjudication, to a felony violation of: chapters 409, 817, or 893, Florida Statutes; or 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970 or 42 U.S.C. ss 1395-1396, unless the sentence and any probation or pleas ended more than 15 years prior to the application, terminated for cause from Florida Medicaid Program (unless the applicant has been in good standing for the most recent 5 years) or terminated for cause by any other State Medicaid Program or the Medicare Program (unless the termination was at least 20 years prior to the date of the application and the applicant has been in good standing with the program for the most recent 5 years). The Florida nursing or allied health licensure or certification application requires disclosure of any criminal history and the disposition of all cases prior to board review. Being convicted of, or having entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any of the listed felonies in Florida Statute 456.0635 or termination for cause from the statutorily-described Medicaid programs will preclude an applicant from obtaining a nursing or allied health license or certification in the state of Florida. Entry and acceptance into the Dental Assisting program does not guarantee licensure or certification in the State of Florida.

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