



## EXPANDED FUNCTIONS — DENT 1260

### A. Course Description

- **Credits:** 5.00
- **Lecture Hours/Week:** 3.00
- **Lab Hours/Week:** 2.00
- **OJT Hours/Week:** 0
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Corequisites:** None
- **MnTC Goals:** None

This course prepares the assistant to perform all functions legally performed by a licensed dental assistant (LDA) according to the Minnesota Dental Practice Act. This course covers the following expanded functions: alginate impressions for opposing models and study casts with bite registration, mechanical polishing of the clinical crowns, application of topical fluoride, rubber dam applications and removal, application of topical medications, orthodontic skills of preselecting orthodontic bands, removing and replacing ligature ties, and placement and removal of elastic separators. Also included are suture removal, placement and removal of periodontal dressings, adaptation of temporary crowns, cement removal, pit and fissure sealants, enamel etching, removal of bonding material, gingival displacement, dry root canal with paper points, place cotton pellets and temporary restorative materials into endodontic openings, and nitrous oxide monitoring. Prerequisites: Admission to Dental Assisting Program or instructor approval

### B. Course Effective Dates: 2/26/98 – Present

### C. Outline of Major Content Areas

As noted on course syllabus

### D. Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate proficiency in performing expanded functions for Minnesota licensed dental assistants.
2. Communicate effectively and establish positive working relationships with patients and dental team members.
3. Demonstrate the knowledge necessary to become a licensed dental assistant in the state of Minnesota by successfully completing national and state dental assisting board examinations.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

### F. Learner Outcomes Assessment

As noted on course syllabus

**G. Special Information**

None noted