



## EXTERNSHIP: DENTAL ASSISTANT — DENT 2970

### A. Course Description

- **Credits:** 7.00
- **Lecture Hours/Week:** 0.00
- **Lab Hours/Week:** 0.00
- **OJT Hours/Week:** 0
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Corequisites:** None
- **MnTC Goals:** None

This course provides the student with actual experience assisting in an off-campus clinical setting in private dental offices, group practices, or specialty dental offices. Prerequisites: Prior completion of all Dental Assisting courses 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. Perform appropriate infection control procedures
2. Display professional dependability
3. Perform various chairside, laboratory and office management duties in the dental office
4. Demonstrate the ability to promote teamwork
5. Demonstrate problem solving skills
6. Demonstrate flexibility on the job
7. Utilize time constructively to learn
8. Follow HIPPA guidelines
9. Display professional appearance
10. Communicate effectively with patients and members of the dental health care team
11. Assist with management of dental office emergencies
12. Identify strategies to maximize performance
13. Demonstrate test taking skills on mock board examinations
14. Integrate learned theory with actual clinical practice
15. Function as an integral member of the dental office

16. Acquire confidence in professional ability by demonstrating consistent improvement
17. Perfect skills in anticipating the needs of the dentist
18. Demonstrate an understanding of responsibilities
19. Exhibit universal disease control precautions
20. Use dental and personal ethical responses for the profession
21. Show enthusiasm and interest in the role of the dental assistant
22. Show empathy, respect and support to patients
23. Seek out and request involvement in any new learning situations
24. Retain emotional control in stressful situations
25. Determine own clinical performance
26. Observe and assist with chairside procedures
27. Display excellent motivation
28. Display patient and environment safety
29. Display appropriate and professional behavior
30. Display appropriate action during emergencies
31. Research the possibilities of working in a specialty office versus a general office
32. Research the possible future job opportunities in either externship site
33. Perform entry level dental assisting duties
34. Perform receptionist duties
35. Demonstrate decision making abilities
36. Perform expanded functions allowed by the State Dental Practice Act as delegated by the supervising dentist

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

**F. Learner Outcomes Assessment**

As noted on course syllabus

**G. Special Information**

None noted