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Dental Assistants Can Expand Skills With Lake Area Program

A new education program offered by the Dental Assisting Program at Lake Area Technical Institute includes a curriculum for expanded functions that may be used by dental assistants to provide a career ladder through advanced education, skills and responsibility. This course is ideal for dental assistants who have let their licenses lapse or for assistants want to obtain their certificate of competency through the South Dakota Board of Dentistry to legally perform expanded functions in South Dakota.

The program's curriculum is offered in five different modules and may be taken in sections. Each module includes on-line instruction that may be completed prior to the hands-on session or after the session depending on a student's preference. Individual modules may also be taken as continuing education for assistants wishing to further their education or to refresh their skill and knowledge in any one expanded function.

Participants will be required to spend an equal amount of time reviewing on-line instruction in addition to the hands-on courses. Total number of hours to complete the course is approximately 60 hours on-line preparation and 40 hours of hands-on instruction. Completion of the on-line test and hand-on competency is required for certification of that function.

When completed in its entirety the course will lead to a verification of competency approved by the South Dakota Board of Dentistry fulfilling the education requirement for an Advanced Dental Assistant.

Registration information and course dates can be obtained from the Dental Assisting Program at Lake Area Technical Institute: www.lakeareatech.edu/efda or 1-800-657-4344 extension # 214.

SDDA House of Delegates Endorses Public Health Supervision for Dental Hygienists

The South Dakota Dental Association House of Delegates endorsed the idea of "Public Health Supervision" for dental hygienists. A resolution adopted by the House directs the SDDA to pursue amendments to the South Dakota Dental Practice Act to expand the role of the dental hygienist in providing preventative and therapeutic dental services to underserved individuals in our state through the creation of a new level of supervision entitled "Public Health Supervision"

The resolution defines "Public Health Supervision" as the supervision of a dental hygienist, requiring that a dentist, through a written collaborative agreement, authorize preventative and therapeutic services for an individual for a period of up to 13 months.

Under this new level of supervision a hygienist would be able to provide preventative and therapeutic dental services to an individual prior to the individual becoming a patient of record of a dentist, provided a dentist authorize the procedures to be carried out through a written collaborative agreement. The hygienist would work for a dentist, or other entity allowed to own, operate, or manage a dental practice in South Dakota, and would treat individuals at facilities known to provide care to individuals that are dentally underserved.

A hygienist, working under Public Health Supervision, would be required to have a current license to practice hygiene in South Dakota, a minimum of three years of clinical hygiene experience, and a written collaborative agreement with a dentist licensed in South Dakota.

The resolution calls on the South Dakota Board of Dentistry to set the minimum contents of a collaborative agreement between a dentist and a dental hygienist including the preventative and therapeutic dental services to be performed through Public Health Supervision.

SDDA Supports Tobacco Cessation Education

Did you know that most adults who smoke report a desire to quit and a history of a quit attempt (even if only for one day) in the past year? Tobacco users want to quit, but they do not necessarily know how to quit effectively. Studies have shown that oral health care professionals can be very effective in helping their patients stop using tobacco and can effectively intervene with patients who smoke in as little as three minutes. When dental professionals assist their patients with tobacco use cessation, they eliminate an important causative/contributing factor for a number of oral conditions, including cancer.

For that reason the SDDA along with the South Dakota Dental Hygiene Association are offering tobacco cessation education for dentists and their staff, provide on site in a dental office. The South Dakota program used the nationally recognized “Five A’s” curriculum – Ask, Advise, Assess, Assist, Arrange. This curriculum provides dentists and their staff with materials and interviewing techniques that allow them to assess a patient’s tobacco use and their desire to quit. Once the patient says they’re ready to quit, the dental office refers them to the State’s QuitLine. From there the patient has access to professional coaching and free prescription medications that can help them quit.

The training is made possible with funding from the South Dakota Department of Health Tobacco Control Program. Any office interested in having tobacco cessation training brought to their offices should contact the SDDA office at 605-224-9133 or paul@sddental.org.



Ken and Shirley Asheim are pictured with the Sierra Engesser (center) the 2009 recipient of the Stephanie Asheim Young Scholarship. Also pictured is the 2008 recipient, Jennifer Haliburton (right).



South Dakota Dental Association's Placement Service

If you are a hygienist, assistant or office personnel, seeking a position in a dental office in South Dakota go to Careers & Employment at:

www.sddental.org

(contact annette@sddental.org if you have any questions)

Annual Session Exhibit Hall Cash Prize Winners	
Stacey Bahre -----	\$ 50.00
Cheryl DeWall -----	\$ 50.00
Estela Haakedahl -----	\$100.00
Wanda Kunze -----	\$200.00

Dental Assistant Apprenticeship Training Program

Patsy Schmidt, WDT Associate Vice President
Corporate Education Center, Rapid City, SD

The Dental Assistant Apprenticeship Training Program at Western Dakota Tech in Rapid City held the 18th annual graduation ceremony on May 19, 2009. The instructors for this program are Maggie McDonald and Walter Raby. There were approximately 165 people in attendance.

The 2009 graduates include:

- * Kristyn Fuller, Debra McAnlis, and Rachael Schaub of Belle Fourche;
- * Danae Larson and Rene' Suiter of Black Hawk;
- * Nichole Von Eye of Box Elder;
- * Jessica Anderson of Custer;
- * Melissa Ford of Newell;
- * Heather Albers, Kala French, Amy Hoellein, Jill Holzer, Kimberly Larsen, Gena McFarland, Cadey Reisner, Kalynn Schrader, Tricia Sedevie, Magdalena Simpson, Amanda Thomas, Ashley Vickerman, Hanna Walker, Mellisssa Weidenbach and Stephanie Wilhite of Rapid City;
- * Krista Andrzejczak, Amanda Riedy, and Jamie Trapp of Spearfish;
- * Cheryl Hess of Sturgis.

Guest speaker at the ceremony was Dr. Scott Van Dam from Black Hills Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery in Rapid City. Dr. Van Dam received his dental

education at Creighton University, then earned his M.D. and completed his residency in oral maxillofacial surgery at Mayo Clinic. Dr. Van Dam is "committed to working with his colleagues and other health care providers to deliver the highest quality of care to our patients." He, his wife, and their children enjoy fishing, biking and hiking in the Black Hills.

Thank you to all the dentists who sponsored students this year. You are to be commended for your investment in training for your employees. 2008-09 sponsoring dentists include: Dr. Jeff Amann; Dr. Kurt Anderson; Black Hills Pediatric Dentistry; Dr. James Byrne; Dr. Daniel Custis, Dr. Brad Dana; Dana Dental Arts; Dr. Greg Hanson; Dr. Lennard Hopper; Dr. Michael Krump; Dr. Kelly Lytle; Dr. Edward Lynch; Meyer Orthodontics; Nehl Dental; Dr. Jim Nelson; Dr. Jeff Olson; Dr. Jon Schaak; and Dr. Gene Schneider.

Also, a big thank you to all the dental assistants, dental hygienists, and others who presented information in class and to the area dentists who served as guest lecturers during the program, including: Dr. Bruce Evans; Dr. Craig Fischer; Dr. Edward Lynch; and Dr. Scott Van Dam. We also thank the members of the Black Hills District Dental Society for their continued support.



Black Hills Summer Seminar

"Cutting Edge Products for
Clinical Excellence"

Friday, July 17, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (mountain time)
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Alpine Room
Rapid City, SD

Derek Hein is the Chief Operations Officer of CR Foundation, an educational not-for-profit foundation, formerly known as CRA. He joined CR in 1990 with the main responsibility to oversee and manage long-term clinical studies of dental restorative materials. Currently, he contributed to dental research as a member of the International Association for Dental Research and has abstracts published on restorative resins, various inlay-onlay restorative materials, and single-unit crowns. But after 18 years with CR, Derek considers himself foremost a dental product researcher and educator.

Registration forms for this course have recently been mailed to dental offices. Return your registrations by July 3, 2009, in order to reserve a seat.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION CALENDAR

The listing of these programs is provided as a service to SDDA Newsletter subscribers, and does not mean that these programs have been endorsed or approved by the SDDA or the SD State Board of Dentistry. All members are cautioned to evaluate the programs on their own merit.

WESTERN DAKOTA TECH INSTITUTE

- Contact: 605-718-2410
- * June 26, 2009
American Heart Association Health-care Provider CPR Class, 8AM-12PM
 - * June 26, 2009
American Heart Association Health-care Provider CPR Recertification Session, 1-4PM
 - * July 24, 2009
American Heart Association Health-care Provider CPR Recertification Session, 1-4PM

LAKE AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

- Contact: Rhonda Bradberry
605-882-5284, ext. 214
bradberr@lakeareatech.edu
- * October 2, 2009
Annual Fall Workshop, "Harvesting the Best of Technologies of 2009", 4 credit hours, 1-hour radiography credit
- Home Study Radiology Courses:
Radiology Safety & X-ray Production
- Expanded Function Dental Assisting Hands on clinical dates and time:**
Held at the LATI campus Dental Assist-

ing Clinic. Registration at 7:30 - classes run 8:00-5:00.

- Monday August 31, 2009** Module 2 – Diagnostic Aids
- Tuesday September 1, 2009** Module 3 - Preventive Skills
- Wednesday September 2, 2009** Module 4 – Restorative Dental Skills
- Thursday September 3, 2009** Module 4 – Restorative Skills (continued)
- Friday September 4, 2009** Module 5 – Provisionals

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

- Contact: Dept. of Dental Hygiene
..... 605-677-5379
- Home Study Radiology Courses:
- * Digital Radiography, Advantages & Disadvantages
 - * Exposure Errors of Periapicals & Bite-wings
 - * Processing Errors
 - * Occlusal Exposures for Children, Alternative Use for an Occlusal & Vertical Bitewing
 - * Oral Effects of Head & Neck Radiation Therapy
 - * Panoramic Radiography

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