

Foothill College Registered Dental Assistant Apprenticeship Employer Standards



The employer shall see that all apprentices are under the supervision of a licensed dentist and shall provide the necessary diversified experience and training in order to train and develop the apprentice into a skilled worker, proficient in all the work processes of the trade as outlined below.

Each apprentice shall be trained in the use of new equipment, materials and processes as they come into use in the occupation.

The major work processes in which apprentices will be trained as a (although not necessarily in the order listed) and the approximate hours (not necessarily continuous) to be spent on each are as follows:

- A. Set-up/break down treatment room, greet & seat patient (200hrs)
 - B. Instrument processing and sterilization (400hrs)
 - C. Patient intake - New patient clinical exam (30hrs)
 - D. Assisting direct restorative procedures - assisting for composite, amalgam, glass ionomer restorations (400hrs)
 - E. Assist with indirect restorative procedures- crown and bridge, partials & dentures (400hrs)
 - F. Impressions - manual or scanning (100hrs)
 - G. X-rays (200hrs)
 - H. Fabricating, cementing, removing excess cement for provisionals (100hrs)
 - I. Miscellaneous - Fabricating bleaching trays/custom tray/mouth guard, cleaning removable dental appliances, topical anesthetic, electronic - pulp testing endodontics, and oral surgery (170hrs)
- Total Hours 2,000

Starting apprentices shall receive no less than the State minimum wage or the local County/City living wage, whichever is greater. Apprentices shall be paid a progressively increasing schedule of wages based on a 5% percent increase per the evaluation cycle outline provided.