

# **DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM**

## **PHILOSOPHY**

Realizing that the demands of community and the needs of the individual require post-high school education for an increasing number of the population, Broward Community College has designed the dental assisting program to prepare individuals to be an integral member of the dental health team in the health care setting so they can make their greatest contribution to society and in which they can gain personal growth and satisfaction.

The Administration, Faculty, and the Dental Assisting/Hygiene Advisory Board of Broward Community College have established specific goals for the achievement of this objective within the Dental Assisting Program.

## **GOALS**

The goals are as follows:

To prepare individuals who have the capability to sustain the professional, moral and ethical obligations associated with being a member of the dental health team.

To prepare those individuals who have the capability and desire to perform those expanded duties approved for the dental assistant by the Florida State Board of Dentistry. The level of competency established for these duties will be determined by the faculty utilizing the resources of the Dental Assisting National Board and the area employers

To prepare learning opportunities for students to qualify for examination and certification as a certified dental assistant in which passing rates for National Boards meet or exceed state and national averages.

To prepare individuals who have the capability and desire to keep abreast of new developments and changes in the field of dentistry through the American Dental Assistants Association and professional dental literature.

To prepare individuals capable of performing the clinical and office skills that may be appropriately delegated to a dental assistant.

To prepare those individuals who wish to continue the educational process by pursuing an Associate of Science degree with the educational foundation for higher academic achievement

To adhere to the accreditation standards for dental assisting education programs set forth by the Commission on Dental Accreditation recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and the United States Department of Education.