

**NHTI, Concord's Community College**  
**DENTAL ASSISTING MISSION STATEMENT, GOALS AND COMPETENCIES**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** In conjunction with the NHTI's mission statement, the Dental Assisting program strives to provide a learning environment in which each dental assisting student is instilled with the knowledge, skills and values to offer the most comprehensive educational, preventive, and therapeutic services reflecting the competencies vital to the profession of dental assisting.

**GOALS FOR THE DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM**

1. To prepare students for all aspects of employment in a dental assisting career, including traditional and non-traditional settings, working with diverse multicultural populations.
2. To encourage students in the development of leadership skills to facilitate the advancement of dental assisting in all areas of the dental assisting profession.
3. To promote critical thinking within a quality curriculum to invite students to pursue advanced degrees and value lifelong learning.
4. To guide students in the discovery of global perspectives and the achievement of self-esteem, to adapt to the social needs of self and society.
5. To aid students in the formation of collaborative skills to work with multi-disciplined health teams in a changing profession.
6. To instill in students the value of community services.
7. To act as a resource center and to provide continuing education to the professional community.

**COMPETENCIES FOR THE DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM**

The New Hampshire Technical Institute Dental Assisting Program prepares students to provide patient care in a variety of clinical settings and to be active members of the dental healthcare team. In order to successfully complete the NHTI Dental Assisting Program, the dental assisting student must demonstrate and accepted level of performance. Competencies are used to define the relevant core content of the curriculum and to provide a guideline for faculty decision-making in regards to course content, sequencing and teaching methodologies.

**Competencies for the Dental Assisting program are as follows:**

1. Perform basic chairside procedures in a general or specialty practice.
2. Perform basic clinical/laboratory support procedures.
3. Practice universal precautions and safety standards consistent with OSHA guidelines.
4. Perform emergency procedures.
5. Provide oral health instruction.
6. Perform basic business office procedures.
7. Perform advanced intraoral functions that may be delegated to a Dental Assistant in the State of New Hampshire.
8. Exhibit professionalism and communicate effectively with patients and co-workers.