TESTIMONIALS

Arnold Valdez, MBA, DDS
Claremont, CA

“Chaffey College Dental Assisting graduates receive an excellent education at an extremely low cost. A better value is difficult to find.”

Shirley D. Mercer, DDS
Upland, CA

“I graduated from the Chaffey College Dental Assisting Program and enjoyed a satisfying career for five years before going back to school and becoming a dentist. I know personally that Chaffey College has an outstanding dental assisting program.”

Albert Seguy, DDS
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

“Over the past 15 years we’ve found that Chaffey College graduates learn good basic skills which can be tailored to fit into most dental practices.”

“I didn’t realize before entering the program that we would learn so much. I really felt prepared for the state RDA exam”
- Maquel Anderson, RDA ‘93
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Am I able to interview the student prior to placement in my office? Yes, the student and placement coordinator will interview with the office so that all concerned are comfortable with the placement.

Do the students have sufficient education and skills training prior to coming to the office? Specifically in OSHA and radiography? Yes, the students will have completed classroom and laboratory education in dental and laboratory procedures, four-handed general dentistry, and an introduction to dental specialties.

The students are trained in Cal-OSHA in the classroom, but will then need to get the specifics of the office from the staff. The student will be able to perform x-rays, and other chairside skills per the comfort of the office.

How long will the student intern be in my office? The student will be in the office from 100-300 hours of non-paid clinical internship. Additional hours can be arranged through Cooperative Education opportunities.

What are the benefits of having an intern in my office? Besides showing commitment to the dental community and public by contributing to the education of future care providers, consider this an opportunity to evaluate and train a potential new employee without the expensive probationary period. Most of Chaffey College dental assisting students are hired by their intern offices.

What are the responsibilities of the office?
- guide the student through various dental procedures as performed legally within the State of California and the Dental Practice Act;
- provide a safe environment for the student to learn and perform;
- allow the instructor to visit the student while training;
- assist the student in building the skills, dexterity, and professional demeanor to perform in the profession;
- evaluate the student’s progress.

If you are interested in learning more about how to become a clinical facility, please visit our website: http://www.chaffey.edu/healthscience/dentalasst/ or contact our clinical placement and employment coordinator, Linda Mundy at 909-652-6693.