When do I need to apply for the Dental Assistant program?
You should apply as soon as possible. The initial application period will be open from February 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015. You must attend a Mandatory Orientation Session on either March 4, 2015 or March 6, 2015 and submit your application after that time. This is a competitive program and not all qualified applicants may be accepted. You can access the application packet online at www.roguecc.edu/dental when the application period opens on February 1, 2015.

Interviews will be held for qualified applicants in early April.

What are the Prerequisites for the Dental Assistant Program?

Prerequisites to Application
(must be successfully completed prior to submitting application)

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Prerequisites to Cohort Acceptance
(must be successfully completed with a grade of C or better by June 12, 2015)

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| OR
| WR115 Introduction to Expository Writing (or higher level composition class) |                     |
| BT101 Human Relations in Organizations OR
| PSY101 Psychology of Human Relations                     | 3                 |
| MTH60 Fundamentals of Algebra I OR
| BT160 Business Math (or higher level math)               | 4                 |
| SP100 Basic Communication OR
| SP111 Fundamentals of Public Speaking                    | 3 - 4             |
| Approved 3-4 credit computer science class, CS120 or above (or documented computer proficiency) | 0-4               |
Can I apply to the program before my Prerequisites are met?
Please see above; Prerequisites to Application these courses (or designated placement test score as shown on current indicator chart) are required before you can submit the application for the Dental Assistant Program. These courses must be successfully completed prior to, or during, winter term, 2015.

When must the Prerequisites to Cohort Acceptance be completed?
You may be conditionally accepted before completing all of your Prerequisites to Cohort Acceptance however, all prerequisites must be successfully completed by June 12, 2015. Exceptions cannot and will not be made.

What about CPR, do I have to take it through RCC?
Yes, HE252 First Aid/CPR has been added to our Advising guide as a required program class. This course leads to the American Heart Association CPR certification at the health care provider level. This is the CPR card required by the beginning of third term of the cohort sequence prior to placement in a practicum site office.

Do I have to attend the Orientation Session to be accepted into the Dental Assistant program?
Yes; attending the Orientation Session is a component of applying to the program and cannot be missed. Orientation sessions will be held on March 3, 2015 from 2:00–4:00pm and again on March 6, 2015 from 4:00–6:00pm. There may be a make-up Orientation but this is not guaranteed. Applications submitted without attending an Orientation Session will not be considered for admittance into the program.

What if I have a prior conviction, a disability or can’t pass a 10 panel drug screen?
Students must be able to pass a criminal background check and 10 panel drug screen and be able to perform the essential elements of the profession. If you have questions about your circumstances or any physical or mental condition that might impair your success in the RCC Dental Assistant Program or in the workplace, we recommend that you contact Teri Smith or the RCC Disability Services office for further assistance. You can also contact DANB at 1-800-FOR-DANB or www.DANB.org for further information.

When will I find out if I have been accepted into the Dental Assistant Program?
Students accepted into the 2015-2016 Dental Assistant Cohort will be notified by May 1, 2015. If students have not yet completed the Prerequisites to Cohort Acceptance but are currently enrolled in those class(es) during spring term, 2015, this will be a conditional acceptance, dependent upon the successful completion of classes by June 12, 2015.

What if I am applying after the initial selections have been made?
If there are still positions available after the first round of acceptance, additional students will be considered for positions that may still be available and/or for our waiting list. While there are no guarantees, some students from the waiting list do get into the program each year as long as all prerequisite courses have been successfully completed.
What can I expect if I am accepted into the program?
The dental assistant program is a rigorous, science-based course of study. Full-time attendance will require 12 or more credits per term, with an estimated four to six hours of homework per class per week. Students will also be working as an intern in a dental office (practicum site) during the last two terms of their program of study; the required hours per term is 135, or about 13 hours per week.

Students will be expected to take and pass a total of two national board exams and three state exams. In the event that a national or state exam is not passed, the student may continue in the program for one term, during which he or she must re-take and pass that exam. If the student cannot re-take the exam, or cannot pass the exam in the time allotted, he or she will not be able to continue in the program until able to provide proof of passing the required exam.

Students will be expected to work responsibly with such hazardous materials as blood, saliva, and other bodily fluids; radiation; mercury alloys; and other potentially harmful dental materials. Students will be expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner while at work in a dental office.

The dental assistant program has a strict dress code which all students are expected to follow at all times.

Who do I contact if I still have questions about the Dental Assistant Program?

You can email or call:

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