

Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary Courses: Overview

Thank you for your interest in South Puget Sound Community College, Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary courses. In order to be well informed about the process for enrolling in the EFDA courses, please review this handout. If you have questions or concerns, contact: Joan Martin, Program Director, Dental Assisting, at jmartin@spscc.ctc.edu.

EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL AUXILIARY (EFDA) COURSES:

The EFDA courses consist of three credit bearing classes. Two are offered winter quarter, 2009, and one spring quarter, 2009. All three courses must be taken in succession. Only students with a grade of 'C' or better in Dent 200 and 201 will be able to continue to spring quarter and Dent 202. Courses are designed for experienced dental assistants who want to become licensed EFDAs. Course content focuses on the didactic, laboratory, and clinical components of the amalgam and composite curriculum to include: armamentarium; various matrices; classification of restorations; components of the prepared tooth; and dental materials. Course content also includes: the composition of amalgam and composite; advantages and disadvantages; indications and contraindications; placement and finishing of composites; placement, condensing, and carving of amalgams; evaluation of restoration and occlusal adjustment. Also covered are the didactic and laboratory components of taking final impressions and bite registrations. Students must pass the clinical component with a 2.0 grade or better to have successfully completed all three EFDA courses and qualify to take the Washington State EFDA written exam and WREB practical exam to become a licensed EFDA. Quarter one, the lecture / lab courses will be scheduled in the Dental Assisting classroom and materials lab 2 evenings a week. The clinical component, six hours a week, will be scheduled quarter two in a sponsoring dentist's office or clinic.

COURSES / CREDITS / HOURS:

COURSE	CREDITS	LECTURE HRS	LAB HRS	CLINIC HRS	TOTAL HRS
Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary	2	22			22
EFDA Lab Application	1		22		22
EFDA Clinical Application	3		22	66	88
Total EFDA Curriculum Credits/Hours	6	22	44	66	132

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Complete an application for enrollment at South Puget Sound Community College
- Complete an application for the EFDA courses and submit the \$25.00 non-refundable fee.
- Provide all documentation required on the application. Attach the documentation to the actual EFDA application. Incomplete applications will not be process.
- After the application is processed, you will be contacted to schedule a time to perform the following skills on a dental patient simulator / dexter
 - Coronal polish
 - Sealant
 - Full mouth series of radiographs

- Fluoride application
- Explain how you give home care instructions to patients
- Student must be sponsored by a dentist who is willing to:
 - Provide a clinical setting for required restorations / evaluations to be performed on assigned patients
 - Provide some basic instruments and materials (students can also purchase needed items through the dental supplier: Smart Practice)
 - Be a mentor and provide guidance / moral support

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES TO THE STUDENT: Please DO NOT purchase items below until you receive a more detailed list!!

Tuition 6 credits	\$450.00
Lab kit	\$1,000.00 (This cost is greatly reduced if the sponsoring dentist is able to provide instruments and materials to the sponsored student)
Kilgore typodont and prepped teeth	\$200.00
Full length white lab coat	\$ 35.00
Gloves and masks	\$ 30.00
Textbook	\$110.00

*Students will need to provide their own safety glasses.

Expenses do not include the cost of the EFDA Washington State Exam, the WREB exam, and EFDA Washington State EFDA license.

STUDENTS ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM: Once accepted for registration, he or she will receive a packet from SPSCC containing information the student must know before the first class day. Information will include:

- Related terminology and definitions (provided)
- Reading assignment in textbook
- Written assignment using the textbook
- Detailed list of needed supplies and materials

The EFDA courses are designed for the experienced chairside CDA. You will be expected to proficiently and safely place rubber dams, matrix and wedge, construct and cement temporary crowns and perform all the skills you now perform as a Registered Dental Assistant. EFDA students must follow all WISHA/OSHA protocol for infection control, hazardous materials / waste, and patient / operator safety. Once accepted into EFDA courses, it is recommended you review the items listed above to insure you are prepared for the rigors of the curriculum. Not being prepared will have a negative impact on your evaluations and activities. This could affect your grade and ability to continue to spring quarter, Dent 202.