



Fall 2022 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Program: Dental Assisting

Date: 10/20/22

Members Present: Heather Fullerton, Tamar Iskenderian, Jillian Reynolds, Maria DiLuigi, Dr. Kowalksi, Jackson Skane, Melanie Skane, Cassie Veruso, Destinee Dejarnette Alexandre, Shelley Dejarnette, Taylor Gagnon, Brianna Swan, Joe Hood, Abby Miles, Jodi Miles, Dorothy Vannah, Brooke Sargent, Denise Sargent, Ava Tanner, Dr. Walsh

Program Facilitator: *Heather Fullerton*

Committee Chair: *We need a new one*

Subject *Program Updates*

Enrollment 29 Sophomores, 22 Juniors, 24 Seniors

*(e, competency attainment, curriculum, equipment
& projects/field work, senior portfolio showcase, etc.)*

Discussion

- *Additional New instructor with additional Freshmen- was added this school year. Jillian Reynolds, FT and Maria DiLuigi, FT*
- *Through grant money, we were able to attain new digital x-ray sensors (approx \$27 worth)- Those were installed 10/2022 and were able to get new laptops to replace the old computers.*
- *SoftDent Practice Management Software is installed on all radiology laptops as well.*
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- *Nick (former student)- Felt not fully prepared for college, Dr. H “students need to learn how to study”, need to prepare students with midterms and finals*

Subject *Cooperative Education Update*

Discussion

- *From April 2022- “Our goal is to have all 24 class of 2023 students out working on cooperative education by the end of the first quarter in the fall of 2022”- Update, as of October 2022, we have The Class of 2023 out of 24 students -15 are on COOP 11 are still in CTE- but 2 are actively seeking and have had interviews.*

Subject *Review CTE Program Assessment*

Discussion

- *As far as the health and safety of our students, the program is exemplary*
- *All students admitted into our grade 9 class this year and for the past four school years have been first choice*
- *We were able to increase capacity this year and obtain an additional instructor*
- *We have been working diligently to align our curriculum to technical strands set forth by the DESE ch. 74 Vocational Technical Frameworks. Current materials have been updated to include diverse populations.*
- *Significant increases to our advisory board, with members from a variety of different sources. This meeting we added in members who have children in two separate grade levels in our shop in an effort to show comparisons/improvements we are making as we go along.*
- *While improvements still need to be made as far as having more males in the profession, it is increasing every year.*
- *Budget needs to be updated annually to reflect the increasing number of students as well as additional costs for materials due to inflation.*
- *The current dental assisting instructor team consists of two professionally licensed teachers and 2 teachers working under a preliminary license.*



- *Working continuously with the Advisory Board to make improvements to our career technical area.*

Subject *Employment Outlook/Industry Trends* **Dire shortage**

Discussion

There is still a dire need for both dental assistants and dental hygienists in the workforce. Dental assistants and hygienists are making around \$10 more per hour than they have been in the past few years to entice people to work in the field. While improvements still need to be made as far as having more males in the profession, it is increasing every year. While students are staying in the dental field to further their education, we are not sending enough students directly into the workforce to make up for the dental assisting shortage.

Subject *Recommendations for Program*

Discussion

- *Increase the Budget to meet the needs of larger class size, supplies needed, equipment needs, equipment repairs.*
- *Recommend another Radiology Mannequin for the 3rd radiology suite.*
- *Purchase a Statim 3000 and Midmark M11 autoclaves for the Classroom to set up another sterilization center to accommodate the larger number of students to practice sterilization & more hands-on infection control skills.*
- *John Healy from Benco has been helping get Maintenance from Benco out to fix ongoing issues we have had with equipment. Still have a broken Hydrim and broken overhead light on Operatory 5. Repairs are expensive and equipment needs yearly maintenance. A quote has been sent by John Healy to add to our budget.*
- *Digital impression scanner would be helpful if we could get an old one donated by a dentist. Update: the current draft 2022 frameworks call for digital impression scanner & 3 D printer as well as an electronic shade guide.*
- *Joe Hood looking in to see if there are any dentists that are getting rid of their cabinetry to make another sterilization center in the classroom also will look into seeing if there are any digital scanners available through CareStream.*



• Get
the intraoral cameras up and running that were purchased through Henry Shein,

Subject- RADIOLOGY

Discussion *Previously (in April 2022) for Radiology. Dr. Hanlon offered to return to host our junior and senior students to certify them for radiology. It was explained to us by the Board of Registration in Dentistry that our curriculum covers licensure for Radiology but we are finding that employers are looking for separate certification and it will also better prepare our students for more rigorous exams going forward. Update: Dorothy Vannah strongly recommends that we have a formal letter from us with language from the Dental Board stating that students are able to take X-rays on COOP and that they DO NOT NEED any extra certifications upon graduation other than applying for their license through BORID.*

OTHER DISCUSSIONS:

****Vote Yes on Question 2- Patient's premiums go towards dental care and what doesn't go to dental care goes back to the patient! Insurance only covers up to 1500.00 a year, and insurances don't even cover everything. Dentists are not being reimbursed, and the patients are NOT getting their money's worth of what they are paying for. Dentists and our coop students are recommending the public vote YES on question #2. A lot of false advertising is out there by large dental insurance companies such as Delta Dental.*

The meeting adjourned at (time): 8:15 p.m.