

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Standard Course Outline / Division of Health Professions

Course Number and Title

DNTA 1128 Clinical Practice & Seminar

Course Description:

Clinical practice assignments are designed to develop a student's competency in dental assisting procedures. Each student will be assigned to more than one dental office. During these assignments, the student will acquire clinical practice routinely performed by a dental assistant under the supervision of the dentist. Professional development, clinical practice experiences, current techniques, materials, and equipment will be discussed in group sessions to determine the diversity and depth of learning experiences. No stipend is received for any portion of the off-campus clinical experience.

Prerequisite:

Students must be enrolled as a student at NWACC
Approval of Dental Assisting Program Director
Successful completion of all Dental Assisting Program course work

Credit Hours

Eight (8) credit hours that may not be transferable to other institutions.

Target Audience

Adult admitted to the Dental Assisting Program

Student Learning Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate a variety of dental procedures
- Demonstrate teamwork attributes
- Discuss a variety of clinical experiences
- Discuss the importance of professional development

Topics:

- Arkansas Registered Dental Assisting Permit
- Participation in 120 hours of Internship in more than on dental office

Required assessment:

- Observation with instructor evaluation in lab setting
- Observation with instructor evaluation in clinical setting
- Unit exams
- Comprehensive final exam
- Feedback from Internship Offices