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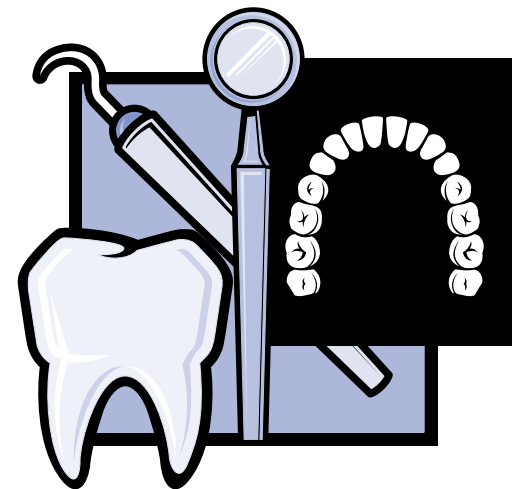
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Student's voice heard

Rebecca King is clear her voice is heard as a member of MTI's Dental Assisting Program School Advisory Committee. As a student member and dental assistant, she has first hand knowledge of the practical application of her educational experience working in the office of Dr. Gy Yatros at the Island Dental Spa. As a dental assistant she works



Rebecca King

closely with dental assistance interns as they fulfill their internship requirements. Her opinions are heard and valued as she shares with the SAC what students should be learning based on their strengths and weaknesses observed during their internship. Her role is important

and rewarding and according to Rebecca, "I get to help shape the future of dental assistants." She is motivated to remain an active SAC member.

Rebecca's enjoyed her educational experience at MTI. As a member of the dental assisting SAC she is able to continue to stay involved and be a part of what is going at the school. She takes pleasure in keeping abreast of program and industry developments, giving advice and being a part of making changes in the program to better preparing future dental assistants. She likes helping and giving back to the school. Most recently Rebecca's voice was heard and she was able to share a student's perspective on the most convenient times for scheduling dental assisting classes.

School biz

Decision making dentist

For the past few years as a member of School Advisory Committee for MTI's Dental Assisting Program, Dr. Gy Yatros has been instrumental in helping MTI and the dental assisting program better prepare future dental assistants. An important focus of the SAC is to help dental assistants be better prepared blending the real world of a dental office with the students' classroom instruction. The skills and experiences of students have an immediate and positive influence in the dental office. The SAC also advises in ensuring all legal requirements for dental assisting are in the curriculum.



Dr. Gy Yatros

SAC members meet twice a year, follow an agenda, and bring curricular and program ideas to the table such as adding education and skills in orthodontist assisting to the dental assisting curriculum. For Dr. Yatros, a SAC recommendation with far reaching positive impact on the dental assisting program was the addition of another full time instructor in the program increasing the number of courses available and maintaining a high level of quality dental assisting courses.

For Dr. Yatros, being a SAC member "is an important role and I am happy to do it." Dr. Yatros is committed to his field and community. For him, being a SAC member is beneficial to dentistry providing the area with better-qualified dental assistants who contribute to the field and to the community.

Dental Assisting

Facts about SACS

A School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of people representing stakeholders in the community—parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/ industry people and other interested community members. SAC members must be representative of the ethnic, racial and economic makeup of the community served by the school and high schools and vocational technical centers must have students on the SAC. The purpose of a SAC at vocational technical centers is to assist in school improvement and curriculum to meet the needs of each program.

Manatee Technical Institute's Dental Assisting Program School Advisory Council (SAC) consists of 18 members, including dentists and dental assisting students, who meet two times per year. Members have three-year terms and one-third of the membership changes each year. The dental assistant program prepares graduates to work with dentists as they examine and treat patients. Students graduate with entry-level skills for general chair side, dental laboratory and business office administration. Graduates receive a state certificate in dental radiography and dental assisting expanded functions. Dental assistants with documented skills also may carry out a variety of laboratory, clinical and office duties. Many dental assistants work in general or specialized dental offices, either for individual dentists or for groups of dentists.

At Manatee Technical Institute East Campus, the dental assisting SAC provides valuable service to the school and is responsible for program advising at the school level. Member's knowledge and expertise has had a positive effect on decision-making. The SAC provides guidance relating to the program's curriculum. Members share information regarding industry trends in the areas of materials and equipment, state-of-the-art procedures, technology and new techniques in the field. This information helps MTI's program staff better design their curriculum and implement state-of-the-art teaching practices providing students with the latest theory, techniques and procedures in the field of dental assisting. For example, the state-of-the-art equipment at MTI East Campus is a direct result of SAC members' feedback and guidance. As members of the dental assisting program SAC, current students and graduates provide significant opinions and recommendations used by the program in planning how future dental assistants are trained.



Student interns have clinical experiences in offices of practicing dentists including those who are SAC members. SAC members have first hand knowledge of students' strengths and weaknesses and this information is shared during SAC meetings. Members continuously evaluate the interns in areas such as employability skills and ethical behavior providing guidance to the dental assisting program. SAC members are the connection with the technical school and the training of future employees, as well as, helping identify the market trends and job openings for dental assistant graduates.

Finally, the dental assisting program SAC helps the program with its Southern Commission of Secondary Schools, the Commission on Occupational Education, and ADA American Dental Association accreditation. Their advice is invaluable.

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A Career in Dental Assisting - Is This Occupation for You?

Investigate dental assisting programs. Evaluate the programs based on the following criteria.

1. How long does it take to complete the program?
2. What are the financial costs and time commitments of the program?
3. What are the program's outcomes?
4. What are the job opportunities and employment trends?
5. Does the program assist in career placement?
6. What is the potential salary for a dental assistant?
7. Is the program accredited?
8. What are the critical skills needed to enter the program and the field of dental assisting?
9. What critical skills do you have and what skills do you need to develop?

Is this career for you?



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