2009 Traineeship

Dental Assisting

C3138
Certificate III in Dental Assisting
(Traineeship)
National code
HLT31802
Campus
City
School of Life and Physical
Sciences

Dental Assisting at RMIT
This traineeship involves on-the-job experience as a trainee in a public or private dental clinic, and off-the-job training. The on-the-job component occurs in the student’s workplace and is a necessary part of achieving success in each course. The off-the-job component is delivered in a combination of on- and off-campus study supported by self-paced learning materials facilitated through RMIT. This approach assists in developing the personal and vocational knowledge and skills required to work effectively as a dental assistant in general dental practice.

This National Training Package qualification provides students with the underpinning knowledge and practical skills required to safely and effectively perform the roles and responsibilities.

A full list of courses offered within this program is available at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c3138

Mode and duration
One year (a nominal 308 hours) via block release. This involves on-the-job experience as a trainee in a public or private dental clinic, and off-the-job training.

Career outlook
Dental assistants are integral members of the dental health team and are employed extensively in private and public sector dental clinics. In general they work alongside the dental operator to assist in the provision of quality customer focused oral health care for patients by providing chair-side assistance, maintaining the clinical environment in a safe and hygienic manner, supporting infection control practices, performing dental reception duties, and contributing to the administration of the practice.

Entrance requirements
Trainees need to be employed and registered as a trainee dental assistant under a Training Agreement with an employer in either a public or private dental clinic.

In addition, it is recommended that students be able to demonstrate the ability to present written and verbal information relevant to a specific task to a level equivalent to the achievement of VCE English Units 1 & 2; apply numeracy skills equivalent to successful completion of VCE Mathematics (Units 1 & 2); and perform basic functions on a computer including accessing applications and inputting, retrieving and printing data. Applicants without this background may be directed to bridging or supplementary programs that already exist in RMIT to acquire the necessary competencies in English, Mathematics and/or Communication Skills.

Application procedures
Applicants must apply directly to the School of Life and Physical Sciences.

Fees
Students pay for a State Government Subsidised Place (SGSP).

Note: The following fees relate to 2008 and should only be used as a guide. RMIT reserves the right to adjust fees on an annual basis. Further information is available at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/tafe

State Government Subsidised Place (SGSP)
The 2008 tuition fee for TAFE programs was $1.37 per contact hour with the minimum fee of $55 and a maximum fee of $877 per year. Students eligible for concession contributed a maximum of $55.

Fee Paying Place (FPP)
Selected TAFE programs are available on a fee paying basis. FPP students are required to pay the complete cost of their program. FPP fees vary according to each program. For details on program fees please contact the School of Life and Physical Sciences.