



UF HSC DENTISTRY

EFDA PROGRAM



The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Dentistry's Continuing Dental Education Department presents the Expanded Function Certification for the Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) in the field of Restorative and Prosthodontic Dentistry. The Program is authorized and governed by the Tennessee State Board of Dentistry which will allow certification in the prescribed areas of training.

Restorative Expanded Functions:

In this certification class, under the direct supervision of our faculty dentist, we teach students how they can place composite and amalgam restorations, with instruction from finishing to polishing. There is training in the proper handling and utilization techniques of composite material, amalgam, glass ionomer, and various dental bases and liners. Examination and usage of the various Matrix Systems is explored as well.

The class time consists of one-third lecture and two-thirds lab exercises. In the lecture portion of the class we teach basic dental morphology, techniques of cavity preparation, instrumentation and a review of dental materials pertinent to the dental auxiliary, among other topics.

Prosthodontic Expanded Functions:

In this certification class, under the direction of our faculty dentist, we teach students how to make impressions for crown and bridge procedures and the various techniques for fabrication of temporary crowns. In addition, this course instructs students on how to make custom trays for crown and bridge, and removable prosthetics. The various stages of partial and denture fabrication are also taught including the making of wax rims. The lecture portion of the class includes teaching the terminology and the steps associated with fixed and removable procedures.

Length of Courses:

The Restorative Program consists of three non-contiguous weeks for completion and certification, whereas the Prosthodontic portion requires two weeks of classroom and lab instruction. Once either course is successfully completed then the Tennessee State Board of Dentistry will notify the auxiliary as to when their certification is added to their license.

All courses are located in Memphis, TN at UTHSC College of Dentistry.





Admission Requirements:

According to the rules of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry 0460-04-10 eligibility for this course includes: Licensed dental hygienists and registered dental assistants who are currently licensed with the Tennessee Board of Dentistry and have a minimum of two (2) years of continuous full-time employment within the past three (3) years in a dental practice as a practicing dental assistant/hygienist are eligible for admission to a board approved certification course in restorative and/or prosthetic functions. A registered dental assistant must apply for and complete a board approved certification course in restorative or prosthetic functions and obtain the appropriate certification, issued by the board, before he/she can perform expanded restorative or prosthetic functions on any patient.

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