



DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM

Career Investigation General Practice Observation

Students registering in the Dental Assisting Program are encouraged to observe in a general practice as part of their orientation to the Dental Profession.

As part of your career investigation you should observe the following:

- How many operatories did the office have?
- How many dentists worked in the practice? How many RDA's? Hygienists?
- What type of procedures did you observe?
- How many patients does the office typically see in a day?
- What computer software does the office use?
- Does the office provide entertainment for the patients? Television, video games or music?
- What duties is the RDA responsible for?
- How many days per week is the office open?
- What are the office hours?
- Did the staff see any emergency patients while you were there? How were they handled?
- Did the staff work as a team? Explain.