

ARE YOU SURE

If you can answer yes to more than 12 of the following statements, then you should look into **DENTAL ASSISTING** as a possible career.

1. I enjoy health and science classes.
2. I have received good grades in science courses.
3. I like helping people and working with the public.
4. I can work well under stress.
5. I can speak and write well.
6. I can take verbal and written directions well.
7. I like to keep records.
8. I want to learn about the human body and how it works.
9. I like to take responsibility and do a good job.
10. I enjoy working with my hands.
11. I like to work with detail facts and information.
12. I catch on quickly and can plan ahead.
13. I can see what needs to be done without being told.
14. I am on time and dependable and rarely call in sick.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- * Assistants can be certified upon completion of examination.
- * An assistant must be free of disease and have no criminal record.
- * Purchase of uniforms and white shoes is required.
- * There is job satisfaction in knowing that you are helping people.
- * An assistant must be able to stand the sight of blood.
- * Work is not physically hard, but you will work in a confined space.
- * There are unpleasant odors from time to time.
- * Be on your feet for long periods of time
- * Be able to handle minute objects with ease and accuracy
- * Respond quickly, both mentally and physically, in emergency situations
- * Dental assistants can work chair side or at the front desk in general or specialty offices. Advancement includes articulating with a dental hygiene program or continuing education into a lab tech program