

City College of San Francisco
Dental Assisting Program
Bloodborne and Infectious Disease Policy

The Dental Assisting Program at City College of San Francisco is committed to providing a safe environment and to protecting patients, students, faculty, and staff from exposure to bloodborne and infectious diseases. The program is committed to protecting the rights of individuals who may have a bloodborne or infectious disease.

The CCSF Dental Assisting Program follows all recommendations given by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), American Dental Association (ADA), American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA), and Dental Board of California (DBC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)'s requirements.

Requirements:

Students, faculty and appropriate support staff must be encouraged to be immunized against and/or tested for infectious diseases, such as hepatitis B, and tuberculosis prior to contact with patients and/or infectious objects or materials, in an effort to minimize the risk to patients and dental personnel. Each applicant accepted into the program must complete 2 of the 3 hepatitis B vaccines or a blood test showing positive antibodies to hepatitis and a current (within the last 2 years) negative TB test before beginning the clinical rotations as well as proof of a current CPR course for health care providers.

Patients:

The CCSF Dental Assisting Program does not discriminate against patients with a bloodborne infectious disease. Strict adherence to standard precautions is followed by all students, faculty and support staff during all phases of patient treatment. Patients are informed of their rights and responsibilities in the dental assisting clinic. Patients are given the CCSF Dental Assisting Program Bloodborne and Infectious Diseases Policy, Patient Bill of Rights and Demeanor Policy.

Infectious students or faculty and Confidentiality:

Students or clinical faculty infected with a bloodborne pathogen such as HIV or HBV and who are directly involved in patient care should be under the care of a qualified physician. The physician should provide guidance on preventing the spread of infection. Individuals must be accountable and act responsibly in the provision of patient care. The Dental Assisting Program at CCSF respects the right of confidentiality and will make every effort to maintain an individual's rights. A student will be allowed to continue his/her education provided their medical condition permits and patient care or other individual's health are not jeopardized or at risk. In the event that an individual poses a risk to others, the Dental Assisting Program Director and Dean will assist the individual in obtaining counseling and advisement regarding their health and education.