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<b>COURSE PREFIX/NO.</b>	<b>DAT 115</b>
<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	<b>Ethics &amp; Professionalism</b>
<b>LECTURE HRS:</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>LAB HRS:</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>CREDIT HRS:</b>	<b>1.0</b>

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course introduces a cursory history of dental assisting, professional associations, scope of service in dentistry, and ethical, legal and professional considerations. The state dental practice act is reviewed.

## **COURSE COMPETENCIES**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to perform the following objectives stated in each module:

### **Module I – The Dental Profession**

1. Acknowledge the history of the dental profession and dental organizations.
2. Identify the educational qualifications, duties and responsibilities, employment requirements, legal restrictions, and licensure for each member of the dental team.
3. Identify the role of the dental assistant concerning the professional responsibilities, employment requirements, legal restrictions, and certification.
4. Define professionalism and be able to discuss what it means to you personally.

### **Module II – Dental Ethics & Jurisprudence**

5. Understand the Dental Code of Ethics and Jurisprudence of the dental profession.

### **Module III – Risk Management**

6. Explain the liabilities of the dentist and methods of preventing malpractice suits.
7. Define and explain Risk Management as it applies to the dental profession.

### **Module IV – South Carolina State Practice Act**

8. Identify the educational qualifications, duties and responsibilities, employment requirements, legal restrictions, and licensure for each member of the dental team.
9. Identify the role of the dental assistant concerning the professional responsibilities, employment requirements, legal restrictions, and certification.
10. Identify the laws that govern the practice of dentistry.

## MINIMAL STANDARDS

The minimal average for the Expanded Duty Dental Assisting Program is 70%.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to attend all lecture sessions. Students are responsible for all materials covered and for all assignments given in class. Students who are absent from class more than 10 percent of the hours assigned will be withdrawn.

In other words, if a student misses 10 percent of the total class periods prior to midterm, then he/she may be withdrawn and given a "W." However, if the number of absences is exceeded after midterm, the student may be assigned a "W" or a "WF." The "WF" indicates the student was withdrawn after midterm and was making unsatisfactory progress at the point of withdrawal. The instructor can give a "W" after midterm if academic progress is satisfactory to that point.

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The student is bound to uphold the academic integrity policy stated in the York Technical College Catalog and Handbook and the signed agreement with the Dental Health Professions department.

## METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

Lectures  
Reading Assignments  
Discussions  
D2L

## EVALUATION STRATEGIES

Students will be evaluated utilizing tests, homework assignments and a comprehensive final examination. The tests will consist of multiple choice, matching, true/false, and theory application questions (short answer). There will be a minimum of one test per module.

## GRADING

The final grade for DAT 115 will be determined as follows:

Written Tests	50%
Homework Assignments	30%
Comprehensive Final Exam	<u>20%</u>
	100%

**Grading Scale:** A minimum grade of 70% must be earned in DAT 115 to meet the course and program requirements. A grade earned below 70% will make the student ineligible to be promoted to the next semester.

- A 90-100
- B 80-89
- C 70-79
- D 60-69
- F Below 60

**ENTRY-LEVEL SKILLS:** None

**PREREQUISITE:** Acceptance into the Expanded Duty Dental Assisting Program.

**CO-REQUISITES:** DAT 112, DAT 113, DAT 118, DAT 121, DAT 154

**Disabilities Statement:** Any student who feels she or he may need an accommodation based on the impact of the disability should contact the Special Resources Office (SRO) at (803) 327-8007 in the 300 area of Student Services. The SRO coordinates reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities.