

What You Will Learn

This eight-hour course will meet the educational requirements for certification for Kentucky dental assistants and prepare the assistant to polish coronal surfaces. Lectures will cover the rationale for selective polishing, types of stains and deposits, and the selection of appropriate polishing agents. Clinical facilities and materials will be provided; however please bring your own safety glasses.

The required eight hours may be met by attending either the all day session or completing the Internet course online and attending the afternoon clinical session.

The online training program is an independent study course provided on the Internet and uses a format that allows the registrant to access the information, learn, and complete the didactic component of this course at his/her own pace.

Access our website at www.mc.uky.edu/polish to register for the online Coronal Polishing program. The cost for the online course is \$145.

Special Benefits

Upon completion of the program, participants should be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of ethical and legal issues related to coronal polishing and the role of all members of the dental team
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of some introductory dental assisting principles including infection control, dental anatomy, and ergonomics
- Describe and identify the equipment, materials, and supplies needed for coronal polishing
- Describe the potential risks and contraindications for coronal polishing
- Demonstrate competency in performing coronal polishing in a preclinical setting
- Successfully complete the written examination for the course

Requirements

Participants must have written verification of one year of clinical experience within the last three years for taking this course. In order to receive certification, participants must successfully complete the written exam at the end of the program (75% or higher). Also, participants must provide successful verification of the clinical experiences documented at their own office. The private dentist will submit verification to the Kentucky Board of Dentistry that the student demonstrated clinical competency for a minimum number of experiences.

Speakers

Judy Skelton, RDH, MEd, PhD, is associate professor in the Department of Oral Health Science at the UK College of Dentistry. Dr. Skelton received a bachelor of science in dental hygiene from the University of Louisville, master's and doctoral degree in adult and higher education from the University of Florida. Dr. Skelton has extensive experience in dental education; current responsibilities include faculty development, curriculum management, dental outreach and engagement and Director of the Mobile Dental program.

Karen Novak, DDS, MS, PhD, is associate professor in the Division of Periodontology and the Center for Oral Health Research at the UK College of Dentistry.

Program Information

Time: Registration – 8 am; Course – 8:30 am - 5 pm
Registration – 12:45 pm; Clinical Course – 1 pm – 4 pm

Tuition: \$345 (didactic and clinical course)
(lunch provided)
\$200 (clinical course only)

Location: University of Kentucky College of Dentistry
800 Rose Street
Lexington, KY

CDE Credits: 8 hours (Scientific/Category B)
Register by May 22, 2009