

# Policy for Dental Student Assisting and Shadowing in the Predoctoral TEAM's Clinics

It is our desire for students to spend as much time in the clinics as possible. Sitting chairside and assisting a provider affords students the opportunity to learn in the "real life" setting which enhances the learning that takes place in the classroom and the preclinical settings. In order to provide a safe environment for students, they must complete DEN5505C prior to being permitted to dental assist in the clinic unless they are already a certified dental assistant. However, shadowing is permitted at any time.

When you arrive in clinic, please introduce yourself to the dental assistant in the clinic. They will guide you from there. There is a limit to the number of people permitted in an operatory. Please discuss this with the TEAM leader or dental assistant in the clinic.

## D1s

### **Fall Semester(1)**      **Observe / Shadow Only**

#### **Prerequisites for Predoctoral Students to Observe / Shadow in Predoctoral Clinics:**

- Current Biosafety Training  
(Bloodborne Pathogen and Biomedical Waste Management Protocols)
- Current Infection Prevention Training
- Current HIPAA Training
- Current Confidentiality Statement
- One predoctoral student per operatory at a time
- Patient agreement: The predoctoral provider must ask the patient for permission to have a shadow observer, AND the provider must introduce the shadow observer.

## **Spring Semester(2) Simple Assisting Procedures**

- Set-up / Break down Operatory
- Properly don/doff PPE
- Know what to touch/what not to touch while wearing PPE
- Know limits of travel while wearing PPE
- Properly utilize the dental assisting stool
- Work zones /Patient Positioning for treatment
- Direct lighting
- Provide high speed evacuation (HVAC), maintain moisture control (basic level)
- Assist with rubber dam placement / removal
- Handle sharps(DEN5505C)

### **Prerequisites for Predoctoral Students to Assist Predoctoral Students Chairside:**

- Current Basic Life Support Training (CPR with AED live training)
- Current Biosafety Training

(Bloodborne Pathogen and Biomedical Waste Management Protocols)

- Current Infection Prevention Training
- Current HIPAA Training
- Current Confidentiality Statement
- Either DEN5505C or Cariology Course

# D2s

## **Summer Semester(3) Shadowing**

- Screening Clinic

- TEAMS Clinics

### **Assisting**

- Assist / perform simple Operative procedures (DEN5502 Cariology)

- Take notes from hard tissue, help with the caries risk assessment

- Assist in Fluoride application / Sealant placement

- Assemble / disassemble handpieces / dispose of sharps (burs)(DEN5405C)

## **Fall Semester(4)**

### **Mostly assisting**

- Shadowing / Rotations (DEN6015)

- Shadow in Radiology Clinic (Radiology course in Summer/manikin training in Rx positioning and exposure)

- Place / remove rubber dam (DEN6407C)

- Assisting (permission from supervising: suctioning, passing instruments etc) (DEN6015)

- Assist in Perio charting from October (DEN6421)

- Alginate Impressions, Facebow, Bite Registrations, Articulator mounting (DEN6213C)

No RVUs as a shadowing or assisting D2

**Spring Semester(5) Mostly Assisting / simple performing**

- Assemble / disassemble Cavitron (DEN6421)
- Perform Prophylaxis, Scaling and root planning, SPTs, Use Cavitron
- Polishing Restorations (DEN6408C)
- Assemble / disassemble / dispose of sharps (syringe)(DEN6251, Management of Dental pain)
- Deliver local anesthetic

## D3s /D4s-patient Care

**Fall Semester (7) Take Radiographs**

DEN 6302C and DEN6508 and final Oral exams must be passed to provide treatment.