



Student Learning Outcome Assessment

Dental Assistant
Spring 2015

Published: 04/29/2015

Table of Contents

Overall Experience.....1

Instructions Provided:

“Use this section to identify things you liked, things you would change, and to communicate any other comments about your overall experience in the program. If you have feedback about the instruction or anything else related to the overall program, please address that in one of these questions.”

Core Abilities.....1

Instructions Provided:

“This section addresses the college core abilities. The core abilities are overall skills that all graduates should acquire during their experience at Western. Focus on yourself in this section.”

Program Outcomes.....5

Instructions Provided:

“This section addresses the specific outcomes for your program. Please focus on yourself in this section.”

Conclusion.....8

Instructions Provided:

“Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.”

OVERALL EXPERIENCE

1. What did you like about this program?

Text Response

The small group! I also loved the fact that there were only two teachers.
 I enjoyed all of the different projects
 Enjoyed the hands on experience
 I really liked that the program had us learning with hands on activities in class. I also liked how they sent us out to our clinical sites first semester so we had a lot of experience with a variety of dental offices and knew what type of dental office we would like to get a job.
 I liked the hands on experience you get.
 All of the hands on activities and labs

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	6

2. What would you change about this program?

Text Response

Having deadlines For assignments And sticking to them. Be clear about them too so all know when they are.
 being more structured and getting grades in the grade book sooner
 Not make the students buy as many books. They were not all useful
 It would have been helpful to have more instructors helping out in our radiography lab first semester. I think there were way too many students trying to get direction and advice, when there were only two teachers so there was always a long wait. Also, it would be helpful to cover digital radiography more (since that is what is out in the offices). I think they are already making this change for next year's class!
 Better clinical sites

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	5

CORE ABILITIES

3. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned effective communication skills.	0	0	0	5	1	6

4. Provide any comments you have on effective communication skills you learned.

Text Response

We were all required to take oral/interpersonal communication with Amy Ramsay and I loved her as a teacher. Amy focused on topics that we would have to know for our profession's in her class. That class along with the communication skills taught in our core dental assisting classes gave me effective communication skills.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

5. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I am able to apply mathematical concepts.	0	1	4	1	0	6

6. Provide any comments you have on mathematical concepts you learned.

Text Response

There aren't really too many mathematical concepts needed for the dental assisting program. Not too much math in the program

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

7. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I learned how to transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.	0	1	1	3	1	6

8. Provide any comments you have on transferring social and natural science theories into practical applications.

Text Response

What I learned in lecture, I got the chance to apply in both lab and out in clinical. very much so

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

9. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I learned critical thinking skills.	0	0	0	4	2	6

10. Provide any comments you have on critical thinking skills you learned.

Text Response

Having clinical experience from early on in the program helped with critical thinking skills and those skills were reinforced in our classes. you have to learn this especially in radiography

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

11. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned to use technology effectively.	0	1	0	4	1	6

12. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about using technology effectively.

Text Response

It would be helpful if the program covered dental software programs more in-depth. You're exposed to a lot of different technology in dental that you have to learn

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

13. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned to value myself and work ethically with others in a diverse population.	0	0	0	2	4	6

14. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about valuing yourself and working ethically with others in a diverse population.

Text Response

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	0

15. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I am able to make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability.	0	0	1	4	1	6

16. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about incorporating the importance of sustainability in decisions you make.

Text Response

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	0

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

17. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
perform a variety of advanced supportive dental procedures.	0	0	0	5	1	6

18. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

I have seen and assisted with a variety of procedures. I have learned a lot and I feel like I still have quite a bit to learn but that will come with more experience.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

19. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
manage infection and hazard control.	0	0	0	0	6	6

20. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

This program did a great job of teaching the class how to manage infection and hazard control and then following up on in throughout the year.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

21. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
produce diagnostic intraoral and extraoral radiographs on a variety of patients.	0	0	0	4	2	6

22. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

I feel much more confident with radiographs than I did in the beginning, but will need to continue to practice and keep getting better.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

23. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
perform advanced dental laboratory procedures.	0	0	0	4	2	6

24. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

We did the same things over and over in our dental procedures lab. This made us get better and a few things really quickly.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

25. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
demonstrate professional behaviors, ethics and appearance.	0	0	0	3	3	6

26. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	0

27. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
perform dental office business procedures.	0	1	1	4	0	6

28. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Not too much focus on this and I think there should be more

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

CONCLUSION

29. Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

Text Response

I loved the program and feel like I have learned a lot

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1