### About the Program

You will earn college credits at no cost, as well as develop the skills and knowledge to open career opportunities in dentistry. These include:

- » Certificate in Dental Assisting Technology
- » An Indian Health Service Certificate in Radiology
- » Eligibility to take Dental Assisting National Board
- » Eligibility for further employment at SCF dental program (position not guaranteed)

# Qualifications

To qualify for the program, you must:

- » Be Alaska Native or American Indian
- » Have a high school diploma or GED
- » Be age 18 or older
- » Have current immunizations
- » Complete SCF application, interview, and observation
- » Complete SKC application and be accepted

# Vision

A Native Community that enjoys physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness.

## Mission

Working together with the Native Community to achieve wellness through health and related services.

The SKC Dental Assisting Technology Program is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. The SKC Dental Assistant Technology Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

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# Dental Assisting Technology





Southcentral Foundation Dental Assisting
Technology program is an off-campus
program of Salish Kootenai College in
Montana. The DAT program trains students
to become dental assisting professionals,
involved citizens, and an asset and
complement to the dental health care team.

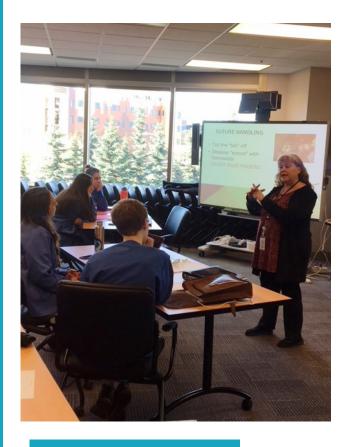
The program stresses skills such as critical thinking and job readiness. Dental assistants perform procedures such as:

- » Sterilize and disinfect instruments and equipment
- » Prepare materials to treat customer-owners
- » Obtain and update customerowners dental records
- » Assist in four-handed dentistry
- » Dental radiology
- » Instruct customer-owners on general oral health care

A five-month course, which combines academic and clinical training on the Alaska Native Health Campus, will include:

- » Learning materials (including textbooks)
- » Training in a state-of-the-art dental clinic with experienced instructors and staff
- » Gaining knowledge of dental disease and prevention
- » Professional communication and customer service





# **Course Components**

During the program, students will study the following:

- » Chairside assisting
- » Dental anatomy
- » Dental ethics
- » Dental terminology
- » Dental radiology
- » Infection control
- » Medical conditions

Students will be required to take additional online college courses such as Computer Literacy and Native American Studies.