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

- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Be age 18 or older
- Have current immunizations
- Complete SCF application, interview, and observation

Preference is given to Alaska Native and American Indian applicants.

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 Salish Kootenai College Dental Assisting Technology Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements.” The commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The commission’s web address is: http://www.ada.org/en/coda.

The Southcentral Foundation Dental Assisting Technology Program is an off-campus site of Salish Kootenai College, Montana.

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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 customer-owners 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
- Oral hygiene techniques
- Dental radiology
- Infection control
- Medical conditions

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