



NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE

DENTAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM DENTAL PRACTICE SHADOW FORM

Student Instructions: Please complete and return this form to your Dental Assistant Program Director during the Program Orientation. This must be achieved before the start of the Fall term. As an incoming Dental Assistant Program student, you must spend at least 4 hours in a dental office of your choice. You should observe various dental team members, including at least one dental assistant, one dental hygienist, and one dentist. Business casual clothing should be worn. The goal of this activity is to familiarize yourself with the roles and responsibilities of the dental team members and determine if dentistry is a good fit for you.

Student's Name: _____

Dental Practice Name: _____

Dental Practice Location: _____

Date Visited: _____

Name and role of dental practice employee:

Print: _____

Sign: _____

Questions:

1. What duties did you observe the dental assistant, dental hygienist, or Dentist performing?
2. What other duties are they qualified to perform?
 - a. Dental assistant
 - b. Dental hygienist
3. What does each dental team member like about their career?
 - a. Dental assistant
 - b. Dental hygienist
 - c. Dentist
 - d. Front Office/Management
4. What does each team member dislike or find to be a challenge about their career?
 - a. Dental assistant
 - b. Dental hygienist
 - c. Dentist
 - d. Front Office/Management
5. What aspects of the dental assistant's responsibilities appeal to you the most?
6. What aspects of the dental assistant's responsibilities were you surprised to learn?