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ROSS MEDICAL EDUCATION CENTER IN ANN ARBOR OPENS ENROLLMENT FOR DENTAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM

ANN ARBOR, MI – Ross Medical Education Center, located at 4741 Washtenaw in Ann Arbor since 1983, now offers a dental assistant certificate program. The program is open to all high-school graduates or those possessing a GED equivalent.

Becoming a Dental Assistant

At Ross, students train for their profession using state-of-the-art equipment where they learn sterilization techniques, how to take impressions and process radiographs. Each student completes an externship of 180 hours in a dentist office. Anna White, campus director said, “The Dental Assistant program is a complete hands-on experience. It prepares candidates to work side-by-side with the dentist from the first day of class.” By the end of the 36-week program, students receive a Dental Assistant certificate.

In Michigan, the employment for Dental Assistants is expected to be one of the fastest-growing occupations from now until 2014. Contributing factors for this include the rising age of the population and an increased focus on preventative care for both old and young. Older dentists who were less likely to employ assistants will retire and be replaced by recent graduates who are more likely to rely on one or more assistants to support them with the workload.

“At Ross, we’re positioned to meet the demands of the growing allied healthcare field,” said Paul Mitchell, CEO. “Our focus on short-term intensive career education allows dental assistant students to get into the field quickly and employ their skills in the Ann Arbor community.”

Projected Job Growth

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (<http://www.bls.gov>) projects 82,000 jobs will be added with a total 362,000 employed as dental assistants by 2016, representing an increase of 29%¹. As of May 2007, the mean annual wage for dental assistants was \$32,280.00².

Enrollment for new classes begins every five weeks. To find out more about the dental assistant program at Ross Medical Education Center in Ann Arbor, call (734) 434-7320 or (800) 833-7677. Or, visit the website at www.rossmedicaleducation.com.

About Ross Medical Education Center

Since 1976, Ross Medical Education Center had dedicated itself to providing a quality curriculum that meets the needs of every student in our health training schools. Ross has 14 locations throughout Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. All of its schools are accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools and licensed by the Commission on Proprietary Education. More information can be found at www.rossmedicaleducation.com or by calling toll-free, (800) 833-7677.

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¹ http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos163.htm#projections_data

² http://www.bls.gov/oes/2007/may/oes_nat.htm#b31-0000