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## **ROSS MEDICAL EDUCATION CENTER IN NEW BALTIMORE OPENS ENROLLMENT FOR DENTAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM**

**NEW BALTIMORE, MI** – Ross Medical Education Center, located at 51133 Birch Street in New Baltimore 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. Kris Furtaw, 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 New Baltimore 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%<sup>1</sup>. As of May 2007, the mean annual wage for dental assistants was \$32,280.00<sup>2</sup>.

To find out more about the dental assistant program at Ross Medical Education Center in New Baltimore, call (586) 716-3837 or (800) 833-7677. Or, visit the website at [www.rossmedicaleducation.com](http://www.rossmedicaleducation.com).

### **About Ross Medical Education Center**

Since 1976, Ross Medical Education Center has dedicated itself to providing a quality curriculum that meets the needs of students who desire focused, short-term allied health education. Ross has 15 locations throughout Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. All of its schools are accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES), recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education for the accreditation of private, postsecondary allied health education programs in the United States. More information can be found at [www.rossmedicaleducation.com](http://www.rossmedicaleducation.com) or by calling toll-free, (800) 833-7677.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos163.htm#projections\\_data](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos163.htm#projections_data)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.bls.gov/oes/2007/may/oes\\_nat.htm#b31-0000](http://www.bls.gov/oes/2007/may/oes_nat.htm#b31-0000)