Bachelor of Science in Health Science (BSHS) Allied Dental Concentration

Program Overview
Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (BSHS) - Allied Dental Concentration is an advanced degree offering available for those who wish to expand their dental education and career options. The Department of Allied Dental Education, jointly with the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, in affiliation with Thomas Edison State College offers the bachelor degree program for associate degree/certificate prepared Dental Hygienists with a NJ state licensed or for Certified Dental Assistants (CDA) through the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) or a minimum of two years of dental assisting experience. It is strongly recommended that CDAs also possess a New Jersey registration in dental assisting or a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) permit.

Program description
Rutgers – School of Health Related Professions (SHRP) Allied Dental Concentration includes courses in advanced dental practice, management, education and research. Toward the end of your course work, you will complete a flexible, four-credit practicum in the area of either health services management or health professions education. Advanced technology and distance learning will provide you with the best possible academic environment. In addition, your prior course work will be evaluated, and up to 80 credits may be applied towards completion of your degree.

Description Of The Profession
Rutgers - School of Health Related Professions’ Allied Dental Concentration will prepare you to advance in your career or seek a challenging new position within a wide range of options. Opportunities for graduates include dental management, teaching, marketing, sales and research, and can include positions with:

- Colleges and universities
- Hospitals with dental programs
• Public health agencies • Insurance companies • Pharmaceutical companies • Corporations

This concentration does NOT qualify graduates for admission into Dental School as additional science course work is required.

**Expectation of Student while in program**
Since SHRP offers web courses, you are required to be computer literate upon enrollment. You must also have remote (off campus) access to internet services, to include at least web browsing capability and e-mail. Students who select Thomas Edison State College register for all Thomas Edison State College and SHRP courses through SHRP only.

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**Full-time and Part-time status**
You can take course work on either a full-time or a part-time basis. You have eight years to complete the concentration.

**Department Faculty**
Please see the department faculty under Allied Dental Education department/Scotch Plains campus. For the Interdisciplinary Studies department please click the Newark campus.

**Primary Campus Location**
The program is based in the Scotch Plains campus, Newark and the web.

**Curriculum**
See database for program requirements and course descriptions and select your program at:

**Admissions requirements**
The application and all supporting documents must be received by March 1 for the fall term and July 1 for the spring term. Supporting documents include a
notarized copy of your license or DANB certification as well as official transcripts from all institutions in which you have earned credits.

A Thomas Edison State College student may receive a maximum of 80 credits approved by Thomas Edison State College. An NJCU student may receive a maximum of 64 approved credits.

In addition, your liberal arts/general studies requirement must include at least the following: 48 credits: English composition (6 credits); humanities (9 credits); liberal arts electives (12 credits); natural sciences (12 credits); and social science (9 credits).

**Additional Offerings**

The SHRP Department of Allied Dental Education offers a 15 - credit Certificate of Advanced Study in Allied Dental Education. If you already have a bachelor’s degree or are unsure if you wish to pursue a bachelor's degree, you may choose to enroll in this Certificate program.

You may begin to take courses as a nonmatriculant while waiting for an admission decision. A nonmatriculant is a student who has not been accepted into a degree program. You may take up to 12 credits as a nonmatriculated student through the advanced certificate program. Taking courses as a nonmatriculant does not guarantee acceptance into the concentration. For more information please refer to **program site**.

**For More Information**

For more information contact the Office of Enrollment Services at (973) 972-5336 or **via e-mail**.

**For more specific information contact the program at:**

For specific program information on the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences - Allied Dental Concentration Track please contact: Phone: (908) 889-2504 or (973) 972-8512.