Dental Assisting frequently asked questions:

1. What is the income range within the RDA dental assisting profession? $13.00 - $16.00 per hour (depends on geographic location in Michigan)

2. How long will I be in school? 10 months for the dental assisting certificate or 2 years for the dental assisting certificate and general education classes for the associate degree.

3. What skills will I use the most? Interpersonal, communication, and manual dexterity.

4. What skills or classes may not be required coursework but will be beneficial to my future success in this occupation? Anatomy and physiology, communication and speaking classes, business.

5. What personal characteristics are helpful in this career? You must be a people person. Organizational skills are a must.

6. Does your organization or company have job shadowing, internship, volunteer or mentoring opportunities? Opportunities to observe a lab session are sometimes available.

7. What can I do now to prepare me for a positive future in my chosen career? Try to observe at your dentist office. This opportunity provides potential students with a good overview of what an average day in the dental office looks like.