

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DENTAL ASSISTANT AND DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAMS
BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS STATEMENT

BLOODBORNE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES

In the dental programs there is potential for exposure to bloodborne and infectious disease by way of saliva and blood. The Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Programs at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College implement the standards set forth by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Bloodborne Pathogens Standards: 1910.1030 . In addition, the program requires students to wear personal protective equipment for safety when working with classmates and patients in various dental procedures. Students in the program receive theory and practice regarding infection control procedures and prevention of exposure to bloodborne and infectious disease. Students must also show proof of immunization for Hepatitis B and Tetanus (forms provided by program).

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Various dental materials, as found in dental offices, are used in the dental programs. All standard precautions that are used in the dental field are also used in the program to protect the student and patients from potential harm and or injury. A manual of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) is kept in the dental labs as well as required clean up equipment for any spills or possible exposure. Students are taught the theory and practice to safely work with dental materials.

IONIZING RADIATION

Students will participate in taking dental x-rays on manikins and patients. Students are educated in ionizing radiation safety theory and practice. All safety standards are utilized in the dental radiography courses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Applicants should consult the Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Program Directors for more information or clarification. The contents of these policies shall be reviewed annually or when regulatory agencies warrant changes.