

**Western Dakota Technical Institute  
800 Mickelson Drive  
Rapid City, SD 57703-4018**

**Master Syllabus**

**Course Number:** DEN 140  
**Course Name:** Introduction to Clinical Practice  
**Credits:** 1  
**Contact Hours:** 40 Clinical

**Course Description:** This course provides dental assisting students the opportunity to apply their skills and knowledge in the dental office. Students are placed in facilities to gain hands-on experience required of an entry-level dental assistant. Students are under supervision of the facility and are periodically evaluated by the preceptor.

**Prerequisites:** DEN 110 and DEN 150

**Textbooks:** None

**Materials:** Scrubs, closed-toed shoes, name badge, notebook, pen

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

- Connect the workings of a dental office to developing program skills.
- Exhibit professionalism and ethical behavior.
- Implement proper dental terminology when speaking to dental office personnel and patients.
- Operate as a team member and use effective communication skills as taught in the dental assisting program.
- Perform basic clinical duties under the supervision of the facility, evaluated by the preceptor.

**Assessment:** The core abilities of life skills, analytical skills, communication skills, social values, teamwork techniques, technology skills, and employability will be assessed throughout this course.

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