

DENTAL ASSISTING CERTIFICATE

2013 PROGRAM REVIEW



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MISSION STATEMENT

Dental Assisting Program Mission Statement

The mission of the Dental Assisting Program is to prepare competent entry-level dental assistants who will be able to function professionally in all aspects of the dental office and meet the employment needs of the regional dental facilities.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Dental Assisting Program include assisting students in the development of:

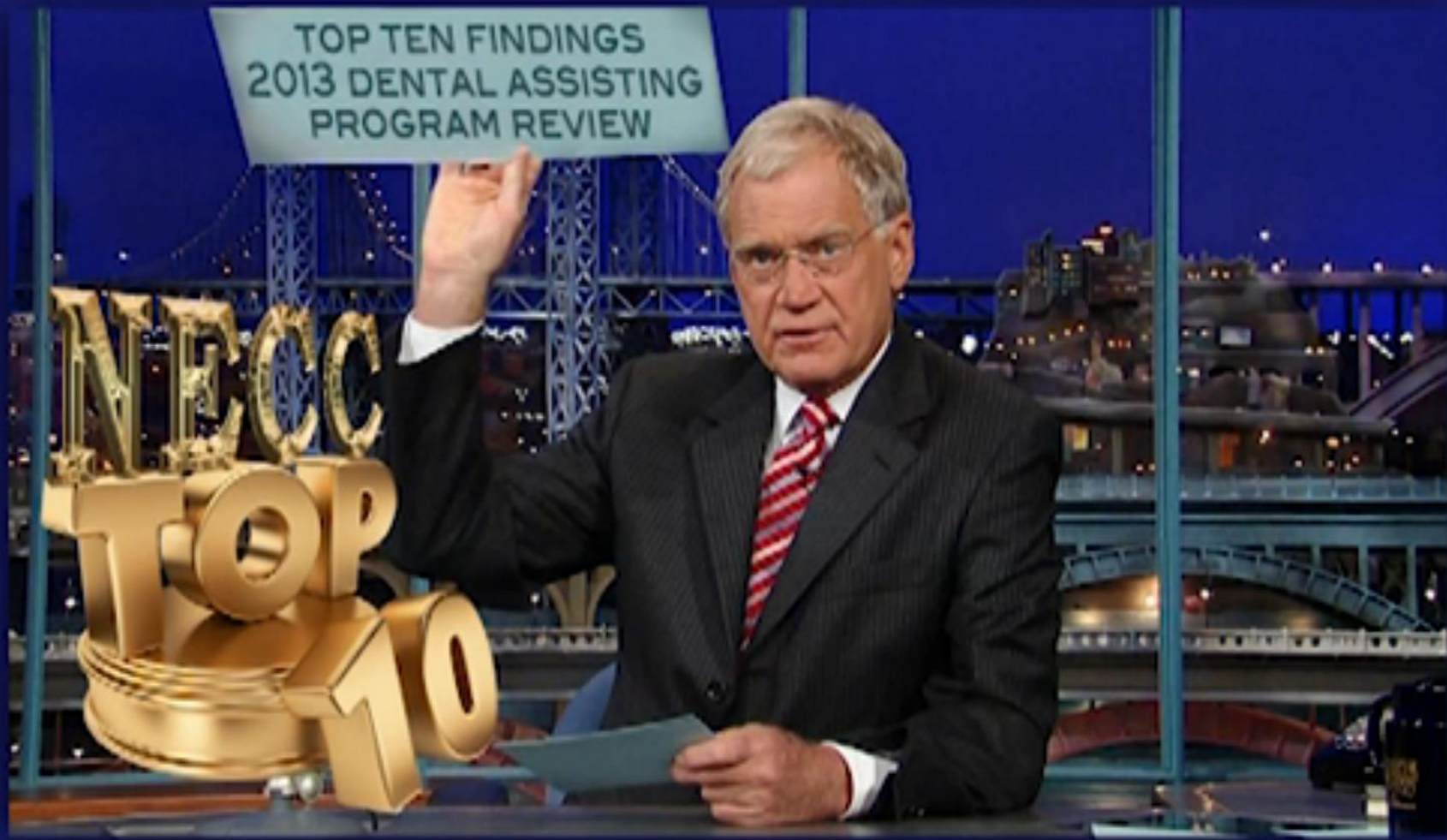
1. clinical competency in the knowledge and skills required to systematically collect data to assist the dentist form a diagnostic treatment plan.
2. clinical competency in the knowledge and skills required to perform a variety of clinical supportive treatments.
3. *competency in basic practice management software skills required to support the utilization of electronic records within the dental practice.* (competency in basic computer skills and business office procedures).
4. the necessary writing skills to practice successfully within the dental assisting profession.
5. intellectual skills that will demonstrate critical thinking ability.
6. the necessary social skills, *cultural diversity awareness* and professional attributes to practice successfully within the dental profession.

SUMMARY

STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES

TOP TEN FINDINGS
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SUMMARY

Challenges . . .

- 10 Need for larger lab space.
- 9 Need to recruit more males to health careers.
- 8 Need to develop plan to update equipment.
- 7 Need to review the effects of the HOBET exam.
- 6 Faculty need to participate in Professional Development to stay current

Strengths . . .

- 5 Dental Assisting Program Advisory Committee and local dental professionals support the Program.
- 4 The Dental Assisting Program faculty are well qualified.
- 3 Retention and graduations rate remains at 90%.
2. Dental Assisting Program serves to provide well-prepared dental assistants for are dentists.
1. Dental Assisting Program serves as a valuable resource for the community.