Germanna Community College Center for Workforce & Community Education is pleased to announce the development of a new program for dental professionals, Dental Assistant II. The Dental Assistant II program provides skills training in expanded dental assistant functions, enabling dental assistants to perform new and advanced duties under the supervision of a licensed dentist.

Program development is currently underway, through a grant provided by the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority. Five courses are included in the curriculum; each may be taken independently or all may be taken collectively, depending on the student’s needs and interests:

(1) Dental Anatomy and Operative Dentistry, a 50-hour hybrid course;
(2) Amalgam Restorations, a 40-hour course;
(3) Composite Resin Restorations, a 60-hour course;
(4) Final Impressions, a 20-hour course; and
(5) Final Cementation of Crowns and Bridges, a 30-hour course.

Laboratory skills practice and supervised clinical components will also be scheduled.

Prerequisites for student admission will include the following: Current Certificate in Dental Assisting (CDA). Applicants who have graduated from an accredited Dental Assistant program within the past two years may request a waiver from the 50-hour Dental Anatomy and Operative Dentistry course. In addition, all applicants must complete and submit Dental Assistant II program application, available through the Workforce department.

The new Dental Assistant II program is designed in accordance with the Virginia Board of Dentistry Regulations, and taught to laboratory/preclinical competence.

For more information, please contact the Center for Workforce & Community Education at (540) 891-3095.