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Salina Area Technical College Receives Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation Grant

Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation Grant funds Expansion of Salina Area Technical College Dental Program

Salina, KS Sept. 16, 2014: Salina Area Technical College (SATC) has been able to expand the Dental Assistant program because of a generous grant from the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation. The \$84,137.45 grant purchased much needed equipment allowing for an expansion of the Dental Assistant's program, growing the capacity of the program from 18 students to 32 students per year.

"This is a very generous grant the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation has awarded to Salina Area Technical College, said Susan Shelite, lead instructor for the SATC Dental Assistant program. "It has afforded us the opportunity to update and upgrade our operatory equipment including dental operatory areas, dental software, digital imaging software, equipment, and computers. The new

updated technology and equipment will allow SATC to be able to continue to educate highly competent dental assistants to help care for our community's dental needs."

The SATC Dental Assistant program was established in 1976 and prides itself on keeping its equipment updated with large labs and highly qualified staff that set it apart from other programs in Kansas. The SATC Dental Assistant program is recognized throughout the nation as being accredited by the American Dental Association Council on Dental Accreditation. Students learn to provide dental care in chair side assisting, dental radiology, office procedures, lab procedures and dental health education. Dental assistants also gain knowledge of the field in dental science, anatomy for dental assistants, and dental materials. Dental students participate in over 300 hours of clinical experience at a variety of dental office settings. Graduates of the program may choose to go on to pursue a degree in dental hygiene or any area of dentistry.



Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation

About the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation

Established in 2003, the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation is fully funded by Delta Dental of Kansas. The DDKS Foundation is committed to addressing the problems of increasing access to dental care for underserved populations, building the capacity to

provide dental care, increasing public awareness of oral health, and promoting the prevention of oral disease. Individuals seeking more information may visit the Foundation's website at www.deltadentalksfoundation.org or call Executive Director Nancy Wiebe at 316.264.1099.
