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**Salina Area Technical College
Dental Assistant Program Observation Report**

SATC requires prospective dental assistant students to have *at least* 8 hours observing in a dental office. At the end of the observation please, please have an office member sign this form documenting when and where you completed your observation.

Please attach a 2-page, typed essay responding to the following questions (The essay should follow APA/MLA format and meet the criteria on the attached rubric; also see the attached example):

- 1) Why do you want to be a Dental Assistant?
- 2) What were your expectations prior to this visit of what a dental assistant would be doing?
- 3) How did your observations compare with your expectations?
- 4) Which of the observed procedures would you enjoy doing the most and WHY?
- 5) Which of the observed procedures would you enjoy doing the least and WHY?
- 6) How did the observation influence your decision to pursue a career as a dental assistant?
- 7) Please list what procedures you observed during your observation.

Dental Office Observed: _____

Address of Dental Office: _____

Date of Observation: _____ Hours Observed: _____

Student's Printed Name

Student Signature

Printed Office Personnel's Name

Personnel Signature

Office Personnel(s) Shadowed

Personnel Signature

Please return this form and the essay to SATC, Student Services, 2562 Centennial Rd, Salina KS 67401 in person, by mail, email them to admissions@salinatech.edu, or fax them to 785-309-3101.

Dental Assistant Program Admissions Rubric

Name: _____

		1	2	3	4	Score
Application Form		Incomplete			Completed/Well Done	
Immunizations *Exception Hep B		*Incomplete			*Complete	
Professional Essay	Criteria: Title page 12 pt font Double spaced 2 full pages	Missing 3 items from criteria	Missing 2 items from criteria	Missing 1 item from criteria	All items for criteria are present	
	Writing	Vague Lacks Depth Meaning is unclear	Some meaning, but lacks specificity	Objectives with some depth and meaning	Clear Objectives, Concise/ In depth	
	Content	Four or less questions addressed	Five questions addressed	Six questions addressed	All seven questions addressed	
	Grammar	Multiple instances of Poor Grammar Poorly Written	Some Errors A challenge to read and understand due to the errors	Few Errors Easily Read	Well written and Engaging Grammar and diction are consistent with strong writing ability.	
** Compass Testing OR ACT Testing OR Accuplacer Testing (only one testing method will be utilized for this section)	Reading	Less than 60			60 or higher	
	Writing	Less than 70			70 or higher	
	Math	Less than 30			30 or higher	
	Reading	Less than 18			18 or higher	
	Writing	Less than 18			18 or higher	
	Math	Less than 18			18 or higher	
	Reading	Less than 70			70 or higher	
	Writing	Less than 80			80 or higher	
	Math	Less than 50			50 or higher	
					Total for testing section (12 pt possible)	

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Author's Name

Salina Area Technical College

Dental Assistant Admissions Essay

Date

(address the following headings)

Introduction

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