

**2016-2017  
Mid-Year  
Committee/Advisory Council Report**

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**Committee Name: Dental Assisting Advisory**

**Chairperson: N/A Fall meeting did not make quorum. Meeting set for January 26, 2017.**

**List of members: Dr. Robert Evans (VC instructor), Rita Gauthier (Workforce Solutions), Melinda (Childrens Dentistry), DeeDee McKinney (Dental Coordinator CHC), Hillary Moore (Spearmint Dental), Joel Richie (Midwest Dental), Kelby Patchell (Aspen Dental), Greyson Nichols (Spearmint Dental), Destiny Peters (Baird Family Dentistry)**

**Dates of meetings: To be conducted 1/26/2017**

**Accomplishments: Dental Assisting successfully completed 16 new dental students with 100% pass rate in May of 2016.**

Perkins funding was acquired in the fall of 2016 to purchase a new Air Techniques Polaris 2 camera. Continued discussion will be had at the meeting for future equipment needs of the program.

The Dental Assisting program was approved as a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) approved program and revisions were made for the 2016-2017 year. Anatomy and Physiology hours were increased from 53 to 98 hours. The program in total went from 359 hours to 404 hours. The THECB mandates that programs over 360 hours must become approved through the state.

The upcoming January meeting will discuss the new THECB approval in more detail and how it will improve the program. Program goals, assessments, curriculum, SCANS, and workplace competencies will all be covered and discussed for further changes or improvements for the dental assisting program.

**Recommendations: To be discussed at January 2017 meeting.**

**Membership suggestions: to be discussed at January 2017 meeting.**

**Agendas, exhibits and minutes posted to Vernon College web site address:**  
<http://www.vernoncollege.edu/CollegeEffectiveness/Committees.aspx>

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