



Infectious Disease Policy For Dental Assisting Applicants

A dental assistant can be employed in a general or specialty practice as well as in hospital dental clinics. This type of work environment can put a dental assistant at risk of exposure to diseases through contact with potentially infectious fluids such as blood and saliva. Various methods of prevention are used, but the risk will always remain. If a student should come into contact with a potentially infectious disease, the below policy is to be followed.

A medical note from a licensed medical provider will be required of any dental student suspected of/or diagnosed with a communicable or infectious disease before that student can return to class or externship.

Purpose

To prevent the spread of communicable or infectious disease to the campus community.

Procedure

A dental student suspected of having a communicable or infectious disease will be evaluated by a medical provider. The dental student will provide medical documentation to confirm or verify absence of communicable disease or infection.

Documentation will include:

- Diagnoses and treatment; wound care if applicable
- Anticipated length of isolation
- Activity restrictions
- Ability to return to school, campus, dorms when the student is no longer infectious
- Continued plan of care and the duration of such care

Measures to prevent further transmission of disease or infection will be enacted by Bradford School faculty and staff. These measures may include, but are not limited to:

- Basic hygiene
- Covering of open wounds
- Discouraging students from sharing personal items
- Appropriate laundering of soiled clothing and linens
- Cleaning of environmental surfaces

- Distribution of information to the campus community