**Risk of Infectious Illnesses**

The Clover Park Technical College Dental Assisting students, in the course of their clinical/academic duties have significant exposure to blood, blood products, tissue, secretions, or body fluids of patients potentially containing Hepatitis B (HBV) and are at risk for HBV as well as other infectious diseases. Unintentional punctures of the skin with contaminated instruments or needles sometimes occur despite careful technique. These factors increase student risk for contracting diseases.

Prospective students or healthcare workers who have contracted infectious diseases should inform themselves about how their status will affect their future in healthcare. Information about how an infectious disease can impact your participation in the healthcare field is available through a personal physician.

All dental assisting students and faculty are professionally and ethically obligated to provide patient care with compassion and respect for human dignity. No dental program student or faculty may refuse to treat a patient solely because the patient is high risk for contracting, or is HIV positive, or has hepatitis or any other infectious disease.