

Skills Center Dental CLINIC FAQ'S - *for Volunteer Dentists*

- PATIENTS** Anyone who does not have dental insurance (ages 2 and up) is eligible to be seen in our clinic. All patients pay for services the same day they are rendered, by cash, check or state (DSHS) medical coupons. Fees are approximately ¼ the cost of normal dental community fees.
- CLINIC HOURS** 8am – 1:30pm weekdays (*break from 10:15 – 11:00am*)
- SCHEDULING** Four appointment book columns – 4 operatories/patients scheduled per hour. Two patients for operative/restorative procedure and two patients for exams/preventive procedures.
- PROCEDURES** Exams, x-rays, coronal polish and fluoride tr't., sealants, amalgam and composite restorations, routine extractions, pulpotomy and stainless steel crowns, are the main procedures we provide.
- STAFFING** The Program instructor (CDA) and the Clinic Coordinator (experienced RDA), coordinate the patient/operatory flow. They will also monitor the time and students for you.
- We also try to have a volunteer licensed dental hygienist scheduled to help with anesthetic and restorations.
- COMPENSATION** CE Credits are available, or a \$120.00 honorarium is offered to dentist volunteers for each clinic day under a consultant contract with the school district.
- STUDENTS** Students are high school juniors and seniors from approximately 20 different high schools in SW WA and Parkrose, OR, who are training to become dental assistants. Many have goals of continuing their education in dental hygiene or dental school
- MISSION** To train students to meet or exceed the professional standards set by the dental community for entry level dental assisting, and to become proficient in workplace basics.

These clinical experiences provide our students with quality, hands on-training, and the uninsured community with a viable option for dental care. Volunteering with us truly makes a difference!