



## GOLD COAST DENTAL ACADEMY

Dear Prospective RDAEF Student,

Congratulations for making the decision to look into the next step in your professional career. Dentistry is one of the most evolving professions today; with more and more states looking into expanded functions for dental healthcare professionals, choosing the right dental program is the first step in your professional development. No matter how long you have been serving the oral healthcare needs of the community, the profession still ranks in the top three job markets nationwide and continues to look for the most advanced-skilled personnel to fill the access to care issues we face.

**Gold Coast Dental Academy**, located in Tustin, California was created to help with the needs of the dental community by offering education and advancement for the dental assisting professional. Our new RDAEF program will enhance the professional advancement of the dental healthcare individual and will make your career more rewarding. **Gold Coast Dental Academy** has experienced, very successful, and caring educators that provide you with expert assistance in learning the new RDAEF duties. Our class size is small, (no more than 8 students per class) ensuring that all our students receive the finest, most individualized attention as possible, in a professional setting built with advanced skills in mind.

Our preliminary information and application, including tuition fees and dates for our next class are enclosed for your review. A non-refundable fee of \$500 is required to reserve a seat in the next class. Please note that seats are limited.

The RDAEF Program is divided into three modules held on Saturdays and Sundays—two to three weekends per month—throughout a nine-month period. Both RDAs and existing RDAEFs maintain the same course schedule for Modules 1 and 2. However, current RDAEFs take fewer classes in Module 3. In addition, students will be required to complete restorations in their supervising dentist's office during Module 3.

### **Program for RDAs**

This 410-hour program trains and prepares currently licensed RDAs for the California State Board exam for extended functions. RDAs successfully completing this program will be able to perform all the new procedures in extended functions which include:

- Performing patient oral health evaluations, charting and evaluating of soft tissue, classifying occlusion and myofunctional evaluation

- Performing oral health assessments in community and school-based settings under the direction of a dentist, RDH or RDHAP
- Sizing and fitting endodontic master points and accessory points
- Taking final impressions for tooth-borne removable prostheses
- Polishing and contouring existing amalgam restorations
- Placing, contouring, finishing and adjusting all direct restorations
- Adjusting and cementing permanent indirect restorations

Additionally, participants will be trained to perform:

- Cord retraction of gingiva for impressions procedures
- Cementing endodontic master points and accessory points
- Taking final impressions for permanent indirect restorations
- All other procedures authorized and adopted by the dental board

### **Program for Existing RDAEFs**

This 318-hour program updates existing RDAEFs (who were licensed prior to January 1, 2010) in the new, allowable procedures for RDAEFs described above. Participants who successfully complete the program will be eligible to take the new RDAEF exam, and upon successful completion, will be able to perform all the expanded duties of currently licensed California RDAEFs.

### **Attendance Policy**

All students are required to participate in each day of the RDAEF program. Attendance for all sessions is **mandatory**. Students will be required to make up any days missed at an additional expense to the participant.

### **Supervising Dentist**

The Dental Board of California implemented a requirement that all new RDAEF students must complete 20 clinical restorations on patients under the supervision of a current licensed dentist in order to complete the RDAEF training and to sit for the state board exam. Your supervising dentist will also be required to attend an orientation session and a number of clinical sessions as part of this program. A dentist may supervise more than one RDAEF student. Current RDAEFs will not need a supervising dentist as they will not be participating in this part of the curriculum.

### **State Board Examination**

Those who complete the full program must sit and pass a state written and practical/clinical examination in selected procedures determined by the Dental Board.

### **Questions?**

For any questions regarding the program, please do not hesitate to contact Lori Thomas, Program Director at 714-397-4876 or email to [Lori@GoldCoastDental.com](mailto:Lori@GoldCoastDental.com).

