

Sno-Isle TECH Skills Center

Dental Assisting Program

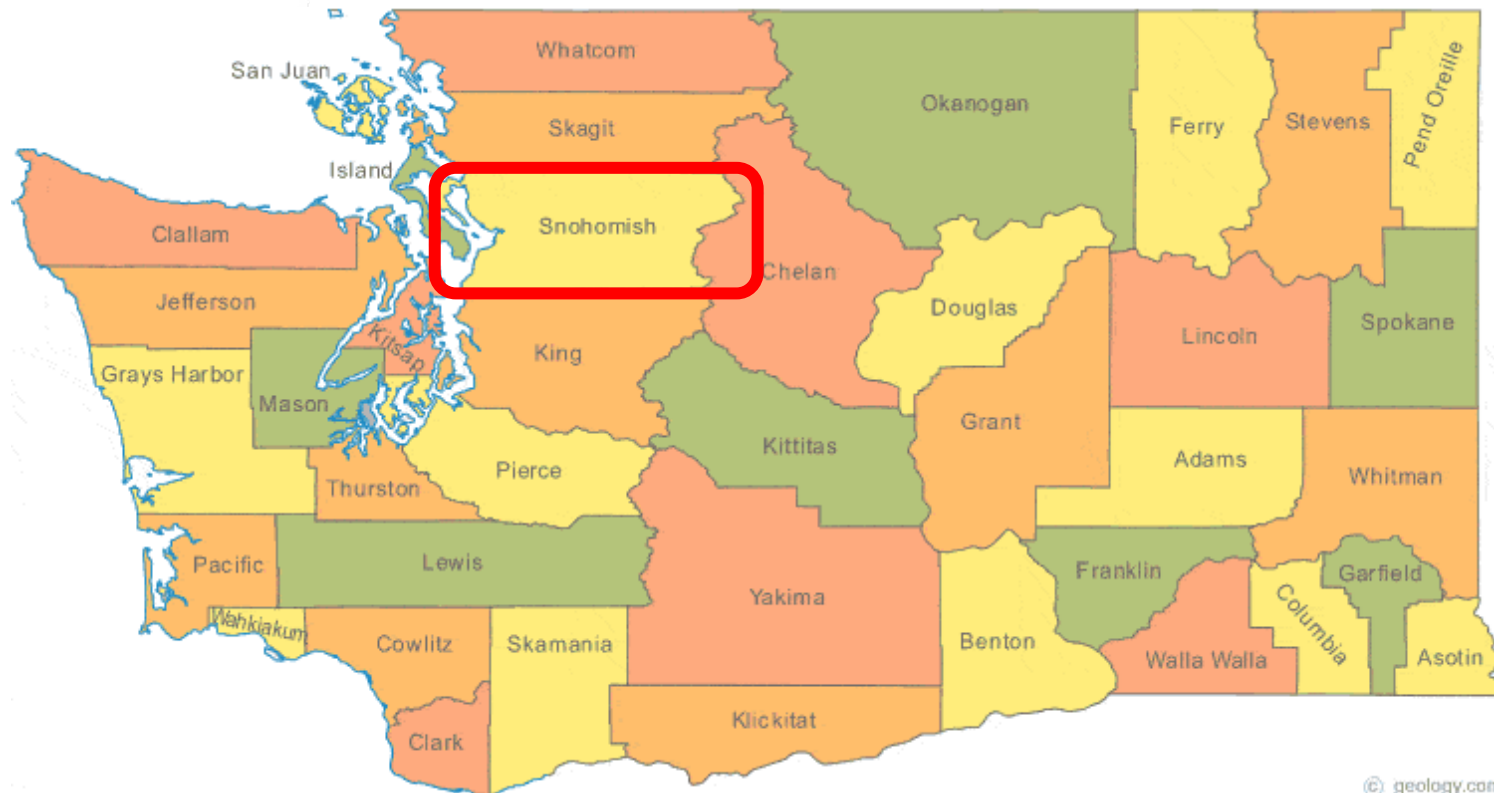
*Turning Career Dreams into
Working Realities*



Skills Centers in Washington State

Dental Programs:

Cascadia Tech (Vancouver)
Northwest Career Tech (Mt. Vernon)
Puget Sound (Seatac)
New Tech (Spokane)
Sno-Isle TECH (Everett)
Tri-Tech (Yakima)



Sno-Isle TECH

- Graduation requirements in Washington
- Graduation pathway
- Equivalency credit/college credit

Our Community:

1,100 students
15 districts
46 high schools
24 programs
5 pathways



Mukilteo School District



Our Instructor

Kelly Beebout



Sno Isle Tech Dental Assisting Program

Comprehensive overview of CTE program
for Juniors and Seniors in High School





Creating a Safe Learning Environment: Key Concepts and Strategies

Establishing safety through comprehensive training in PPE and protocols.

Understanding **Blood Borne Pathogens** to minimize cross-contamination risks.

Practicing essential **dental skills** in a controlled, supervised setting.

Engaging with our own clinic and externship clinics to provide real-world experience and support.

Understanding Safety Protocols in Dental Assisting

In the CTE Dental Assisting program, we prioritize **creating a safe environment**. This includes understanding Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), recognizing Blood Borne Pathogens, and learning about cross-contamination risks. Students practice essential safety measures to ensure a secure learning atmosphere, which is crucial for effective dental care.



It's essential to practice each skill from Donning and Doffing to sanitizing and sterilization.

Practicing Dental Skills

In the Sno Isle Tech Skill Centers CTE Dental Assisting program, students develop essential competencies through hands-on practice. The curriculum emphasizes creating a safe environment, understanding safety protocols, and managing cross-contamination risks. Key techniques include oral hygiene instruction, instrument handling, coronal polishing, dental impressions, x-rays and practice with restorations in our own clinic that is open to the community. Students also prepare employability portfolios, participate in outreach events like Snohomish Counties Dental Societies Gala, Toothapalooza, and engage in externship searches to enhance their real-world experience. This comprehensive training equips students for success in the dental field.





Sno Isle's Dental Clinic: Free Services

The Sno Isle Tech Skill Centers offer limited **dental services** to the community, providing students with hands-on experience and the public with vital care.

Available Services

Our clinic offers **free oral exams**, x-rays, cleanings, sealants, and simple restorations, helping to meet the dental needs of our community members.



Volunteer Support

Supported by dedicated **volunteer dentists** and hygienists, the clinic operates with variable hours to accommodate patients and provide quality care.



Student Learning Experience

Students gain invaluable experience in a real-world setting, enhancing their skills while serving the community's dental health needs effectively.



Sno Isle's Dental Clinic



Community Outreach & Externship Search Activities Overview

Highlighting engagement opportunities for students in dental assisting

- Engaging in community outreach programs such as Toothapalooza
- Building connections with local dental offices through the Dental Gala
- Developing employability skills and portfolios
- Exploring externship opportunities for hands-on experience
- Most all Seniors are offered a Full Time position



Community Outreach



Externships

Students must

- **Have a grade of B or Better**
- **Earn 100 hours of externship**
- **Find an office thats supportive**
- **Interview for the opportunity**
- **Provide their own transportation**

I visit each office and observe while they are on their externship experience.



Employability Portfolios: Essential Components for Success



Cover Letter and Resume

A well-crafted **cover letter and resume** highlight each student's unique skills and experiences. These documents showcase their qualifications and are crucial for making a strong first impression to prospective employers.

References and Certificates

Including references from teachers and industry professionals, along with relevant **certificates**, adds credibility to the portfolio. This demonstrates the students' commitment to their field and readiness for employment.

Work Examples and Externship

Students should provide **examples of their work** to demonstrate their skills. Participation in externships allows them to gain practical experience, enhancing their portfolios and increasing employability.

Participation in Outreach Events

Engaging in outreach events like **Toothapalooza** not only benefits the community but also enriches students' portfolios. These experiences reflect their passion for dental health and commitment to service, making them more attractive to employers.



Pilot Second-Year Program Goals

We are Piloting a Second-Year Program for select juniors that are passionate about the dental field and giving them an opportunity for further learning and skill enhancement in dental assisting. This program aims to expand students' employability and or jump start for further education, providing advanced training and experience that aligns with industry demands. Students will engage with community dental clinics, refining their skills while contributing to essential services. Additionally, outreach with school nurses and participation in events like National Children's Dental Health Month in elementary schools will foster community connections and support students in building their employability portfolios for future career success.



Goal for 2nd year pilot

Allow 2nd years to continue hands on experience with local Dental offices, gain more in depth education in the field and collaborating with local school nurses to enhance **community connections** and support students' health along with dental hygiene education i.

Building Awareness

Engaging school nurses helps to **raise awareness** about dental health and the importance of regular check-ups among students by presenting or assisting with information materials.

Providing Resources

The goal is 2nd years is to **continue learning** about the field and following your desired pathway. May it be Assisting, Hygiene or becoming a Dentist.

Creating Opportunities

Through partnerships with local offices, students gain access to **valuable resources** and opportunities for experiential learning in dental care.



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Any Questions?**

