Dental Assisting

BOOKS:
To browse for books on various dental subjects, look for these call numbers in the book stacks:

- RK 52  Infection Control
- RK 61  Dental Care, general
- RK 280 Oral and Dental Anatomy & Physiology
- RK 287 Dental Pathology
- RK 309 Dental Radiography

Books on specific dental topics can be located by doing a Keyword or Subject search in the Library Catalog. Some examples are:

Keyword Search Terms: Combine terms that might not show up in a subject search, such as: teeth and diseases; ergonomics and dental; safety and dentistry; OSHA; dentistry and legal; health personnel and vocational; teeth and children, etc.

Subject Search Terms: preventive dentistry; teeth radiography; dental emergencies; dental records; dental personnel; dental care; fillings; asepsis, etc.

PERIODICALS:
Back issues of the following periodicals can be checked out from the Circulation Counter, or you can read them online:

- Dental Assistant Journal (ADAA membership required to access online)
- Journal of the California Dental Association (open access)

DATABASES:
Magazine, newspaper and journal articles provide current information on dental assisting and related fields. Articles that you find while on-campus can be sent to your e-mail to be read or printed later. You can also search the databases from home, or any off-campus location. You will be asked to enter your name and seven-digit college ID number.

Academic OneFile
The contents of thousands of magazines and academic journals can be searched using either an advanced or subject search. “Advanced Search” allows you to combine keywords to locate articles on specific aspects of a topic, such as, toothbrushing AND children. On the other hand, a “Subject Guide Search” can help you narrow a broad subject like oral hygiene by providing a list of subdivisions, such as methods.

The following periodicals related to the dental field are available in full-text in Academic OneFile:

- Journal of Dental Hygiene 1996 – current
- Dental Assistant 2002 – current
Academic Search Premier
This database is similar to Academic OneFile. It is not necessary to “select a field”; just type your search terms in the box(s). Options for refining your search to a specific date range or source type are available in the left hand column. You can also narrow your search by adding additional terms in the search boxes. Articles from the Journal of Dental Hygiene are found in this database.

Science in Context
Articles from reference books, magazines and journals can be found here. Click on Advanced Search, and enter your search terms in the boxes. Use the pull down arrows to indicate whether to search the word as a keyword or subject etc. For example, if you enter fluoride and search it as a “subject”, you will get a result list of reference books, academic journals, news articles, and magazines. If you wish to narrow your search further, click “Search within Results” on the right hand column, and enter another word, such as caries. The results will be fewer, but more focused on your specific topic.

Newspaper Source Plus
This database provides cover to cover full text articles from more than 40 major national and international newspapers as well as selective articles from more than 300 regional U.S. newspapers, such as the San Jose Mercury News. Full text radio and television news transcripts, from major networks, are also provided. This database is similar to Academic OneFile. It is not necessary to “select a field”; just type your search terms in the box(s). Options for refining your search to a specific date range or source type are available in the left hand column. You may also narrow your search by adding additional terms in the search boxes

Vocations and Careers
Find articles on career exploration, searching for a job, and advancing in your career in this database. Articles from nearly 400 journals are updated on a daily basis – from general career guides to specialized industry publications.

Web Sites
Beware of the Web unless you are using Google Scholar or an advanced searching tool. You can get help with evaluating web pages and finding reliable web sites by clicking on the library’s Web Evaluation page. It will lead you to Best Websites or give you advice about how to evaluate websites on your own. Of course, your instructors will be able to recommend many excellent websites for your research!

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO ASK A LIBRARIAN IF YOU NEED HELP WITH:

- Developing a search strategy appropriate to your assignment
- Evaluating your sources and finding additional research options
- Citing sources