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Professional Summary

Talented and motivated Dental Student dedicated to delivering exceptional patient care and creating a positive dental experience. Over five years of hands-on dental experience with a National Entry Level Dental Assistant Certificate. Skilled in Orthodontics, Pedodontics, Endodontics, and General Dentistry.

Work Experience

Orthodontic Technician | Rad Orthodontics – Bethesda, MD | June 2025 – August 2025

- Assisted orthodontists during bonding, debonding, wire adjustments, and retainer appointments.
- Performed indirect bonding procedures, including model preparation and fabrication of silicone transfer trays.
- Took high-quality panoramic and cephalometric radiographs and intraoral scans (iTero).
- Fabricated and adjusted orthodontic appliances including retainers, separators, and aligners.
- Educated patients on appliance care, treatment expectations, and oral hygiene.
- Maintained sterilization and infection control protocols.

Dental Assistant | Maurice Kornberg School of Dentistry – Philadelphia, PA | August 2024 – April 2025

- Assisted dental students and faculty during clinical procedures using four-handed dentistry techniques.
- Prepared and sterilized instruments following OSHA and CDC protocols.
- Set up operatories for restorative, prophylactic, and surgical procedures.
- Supported patient intake, education, and post-op instructions.
- Assisted in oral surgery, periodontics, pedodontics, endodontics, and orthodontics.

Orthodontic Technician | Rad Orthodontics – Bethesda, MD | January 2024 – May 2024

- Performed indirect bonding, model preparation, and silicone tray fabrication.
- Took digital radiographs and iTero scans.
- Fabricated and adjusted orthodontic appliances.
- Documented patient progress in Dolphin and Cloud9.

Orthodontic Assistant | Quince Orchard Dental Specialists – Gaithersburg, MD | March 2021 – May 2024

- Took digital radiographs, intraoral and extraoral photos.
- Placed Invisalign attachments and buttons; removed/inserted arch wires.
- Provided patient education and documented treatment notes in Dolphin and Dentrix.

Pediatric Dental Assistant | Quince Orchard Dental Care – Gaithersburg, MD | June 2023 – August 2023

- Assisted with extractions, sealants, fillings, and pulp therapy procedures.
- Took X-rays and educated patients and parents on oral hygiene and preventive care.

Dental Assistant | Fusion Dental – Ashburn, VA | May 2022 – June 2023

- Assisted with fillings, crowns, and extractions.
- Prepared pediatric patients for dental procedures.
- Took panoramic dental X-rays.
- Educated patients on preventive care.

Orthodontic Assistant | Fusion Dental – Ashburn, VA | July 2020 – June 2023

- Took radiographs, intraoral and extraoral photos.
- Placed Invisalign attachments and buttons; removed/inserted arch wires.
- Made Essix retainers and took impressions.
- Provided post-op instructions.

Orthodontic Assistant | Let's Smile Dental – Fairfax, VA | June 2022 – August 2022

- Took radiographs, intraoral and extraoral photos.
- Placed Invisalign/Angel attachments and buttons; removed/inserted arch wires.
- Scanned for orthodontic appliances with iTero.

Patient Services Representative | Fusion Dental – Reston, VA | October 2019 – July 2020

- Answered calls and scheduled appointments.
- Checked patients in/out and processed payments.
- Verified insurance coverage and handled billing paperwork.

Education

Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) – Current Student | Temple University Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry – Philadelphia, PA | August 2025 – May 2029

Post-Baccalaureate in Dentistry | Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry – Philadelphia, PA | May 2024 – May 2025

B.S. in Physiology and Neurobiology | Pre-Dental Studies | University of Maryland – College Park | Sept 2020 – Dec 2023

Associate in Arts (AA) in STEM | Montgomery College – Rockville, MD | Jan 2018 – Dec 2019

Bachelor's in Dentistry | ULACIT – San Jose, Costa Rica | Jan 2017 – Dec 2017

Skills

Dental Assisting, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Endodontics, Radiography (Panoramic, Cephalometric), Infection Control, Patient Education, Treatment Planning, Dentrax, Dolphin Imaging, iTero Scanning, Customer Service

Certifications

- National Entry Level Dental Assistant (NELDA) – DANB
- Radiation Health & Safety Certification
- Infection Control Certification
- American Heart Association BLS (CPR & AED)
- HIPAA Certification