Dear Prospective Dental Assisting Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Dental Assisting program. This 620-hour program will begin May 26, 2020 at the Olean BOCES Center and will prepare the graduate to sit for the New York State licensing exam for Dental Assistants. This program is approved and registered by the New York State Education Department. (This program does not meet the requirements for Pennsylvania Expanded Function Dental Assisting certification). During the year, students will participate in a 200-hour clinical internship at various local dental practices.

Dental Assistants perform a variety patient care, office and laboratory duties. Full or part-time positions are readily available in dental offices, clinics and public health departments. With further education, dental assistants can become a dental hygienist.

To be considered for the program, you must mail the following information to the Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES Health Occupations office:

1. Dental Assisting application form.
2. A copy of your High School transcript or High School Equivalency Transcript of GED®/TASC™ Test Scores.
3. The reading score on the TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education). Please contact your county employment training agency (tuition assistance information flyer) to register for the TABE or call Bethany Ruane at 716-376-8293 for more information.

Please refer to the enclosed brochure for additional requirements and tuition information. (The physical exam will be required after your acceptance into the program.)

Sincerely,

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