

CCCC Adjunct Connection Summer 2019

Featured Adjunct: Alicia vanderDuim

Dental Hygiene Instructor



Alicia vanderDuim, a native of Sanford, enrolled at CCCC to explore a career in Dental Hygiene (DA). While she had a strong interest in the visual arts, she quickly found she had selected a great program, and found a connection to her love of visual

learning. This degree requires board certification to become a Registered Dental Hygienist. She also completed an Associate of Arts degree, and a Certificate in Dental Assisting.

Encouraged by family to pursue a dental program, Alicia was drawn to teaching by circumstance. As she neared completion of her degree, a position became available within the department. She took the opportunity to apply and has been part of the team since 2010. Alicia plans to explore her options to combine teaching, active practice employment, and her interest in visual arts.

Ms. vanderDuim primarily instructs clinical, direct patient care for second-year students, and also teaches both Dental Materials and Radiology. Dental Materials includes techniques in model teeth development. As a visual learner herself, she enjoys opportunities, like dental models, to explain a procedure to students who are struggling by using her unique talent with practical demonstration and dental sketches to demonstrate.

As Alicia strives to provide consistent, effective instruction, she loves to make sure students understand the role of dental care in their overall health, and loves it when they say, "No one ever told me that before, thank you." In addition to subject matter, Ms. vanderDuim hopes that her students take away from her classroom, a passion to serving their patients, that they realize they're impacting their health, and a focus on maintaining the standard of care that they learned at CCCC.

Time for 2019 Fall Semester!

The Center for Academic Excellence invites you to attend information sessions to power up for Fall Semester.

Welcome Back Week: August 14, 15, 16 (W/Th/F)

Adjunct Night:

Wednesday August 14 5:00 pm

CFC Gym

Information will be distributed via CCCC Intranet Staff Announcements and direct emails shortly. Please contact the Center for Academic Excellence with questions, 919-718-7462.

Key Dates.....

Registration Ends: 08/16 for 16-wk, 08/16 for first 8-wk, 09/13 for 12-wk, 10/11 for 2nd 8-wk

Classes Begin: 08/19 for 16-wk, 09/17 for 12-wk & 10/15 for 2nd 8-wk

Last Day to Add: 08/22 for 16-wk, 08/20 for 8-wk, 09/19 for 12-wk, & 10/16 for 2nd 8-wk

Last Day to Drop: 08/28 for 16-wk, 08/22 for 8-wk, 09/24 for 12-wk, & 10/18 for 2nd 8-wk

Census/75% Refund: 08/28 for 16-wk, 08/22 for 8-wk, 09/24 for 12-wk, & 10/18 for 2nd 8-wk

Student Holidays/Break: 09/02, 10/7-8, 11/27-28-29 for 16-wk, 09/02 & 10/7-8 for 8-wk, 10/7-8, 11/27-28-29 for 12-wk, 11/27-28-29 for 2nd 8-wk

Midterm: 10/14 for 16-wk, 08/116 for 8-wk, 10/30 for 12-wk, & 11/11 for 2nd 8-wk

Last Day to Withdraw Without WF Grade: 11/13 for 16-wk, 09/30 for 8-wk, 11/20 for 12-wk, & 11/25 for 2nd 8-wk

Last Day of Term/Session: 12/16 for 16-wk, 10/14 for 8-wk, 12/16 for both 12-wk & 2nd 8-wk

Grades Due to Registrar: 12/17 for 16-wk, 10/15 for 8-wk, 12/17 for 12-wk & 2nd 8-wk

Featured Department: Dental Programs

Vicky Wesner, Chair



Vicky Wesner wants adjunct faculty to know the Dental Program key instructional focus areas are calibration, consistency and communication. Calibration, or standardization, ensures dental faculty deliver consistent guidance to students, ensuring student responses during clinical care to live patients reflect best practices.

Students are also prepared for job readiness through this clinical experience, and instructors are also able to deliver critical guidance on direct patient care. Program staff provide on-the-spot and frequent communication to reinforce procedures, processes and policy.

Dental Programs offers a two-year degree pathway to become a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDA), state licensed and ADA-approved. A Diploma in Dental Assisting, accredited by ADA, is also available. RDA's must update skills through continuing education, and the Program itself complies with a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) process every seven years.

The Dental team attends Adjunct Night every August to greet and meet with their new adjunct faculty as a group. Core members also hold a round table to field questions and cover big topics, such as infection control, and disposal of materials. An FT meeting is held monthly, and adjuncts are included every third month. Faculty also have a reference Clinic Manual, and first/second-year clinical coordinators teach theory and clinical practice.

Vicky suggests adjuncts seeking more information visit their CCCC webpage by selecting the Programs & Courses link > Career & Technical Learn More > Dental Assisting or Dental Hygiene under Health Technologies..

<https://www.cccc.edu/curriculum/majors/dental/assisting/>
<https://www.cccc.edu/curriculum/majors/dental/hygiene/>

Dental Programs: 919-777-7782

Dental Services: 919-777-7780, available Fall Sun/Tues/Thurs and Spring Mon- Thurs

<https://www.cccc.edu/curriculum/majors/dental/hygiene/patient-information.php>