

## Miami Valley Career Technology Center Press Release

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## **MVCTC Prepares Students for Jobs as Dental Assistants**

**Clayton, Ohio** – Dental Assistant senior students from Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) took the Ohio Certification for Dental Assistants Examination in October and five students passed all three sections and are now Ohio certified Dental Assistants. Students are able to attempt the test if they are in the second year of a training program and their instructor is a certified dental assistant. The test includes three sections. The sections are clinical, written (500 questions), and Radiology. If all three sections of the test are passed, certification is gained. If a section is not passed, only that portion of the test must be re-taken. The test is only offered two times a year, in October and May.

The five MVCTC students earning the certification were:

- Amber Parker (Arcanum)
- Kristen Garwood (Arcanum)
- Samantha Blevins (Miami East)
- Heather Todd (Dixie)
- Victoria Bishop (Franklin Monroe)

Four other students only missed passing one section by a few points and will retake that portion during the first weekend of May.

Cheryl Johnson, MVCTC Dental Assistant instructor shared, "We are very proud and happy with the success of the students as they attempted an advanced test, and did so well. Gaining this credential will help them prove their competency, gain their radiography license, and fulfill a prerequisite that is required of the EFDA (advanced dental assisting) program at higher education institutions." A student in the MVCTC Dental Assistant Program will learn highly skilled training such as Anatomy &Physiology, laboratory skills, radiology, and office technology for an in demand career field. This program allows students to earn college credit and the potential to receive a Tech Prep scholarship to Sinclair Community College worth thousands of dollars. For more information about the MVCTC Dental Assistant Program, please visit <u>www.mvctc.com</u>.

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 Photo 1: MVCTC Dental Assistant seniors recently passed the state test to become an Ohio Certified Dental Assistant. (left to right) – Amber Parker (Arcanum), Victoria Bishop (Franklin Monroe), Samantha Blevins (Miami East), Kristen Garwood (Arcanum). Not pictured - Heather Todd (Dixie).