

Fund for Excellence for Dental Programs

At HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, the Dental Assisting Certificate, Dental Hygiene Associate in Arts and Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) programs are rapidly growing. In fall 2017, there were more than 300 students enrolled in these programs. These programs prepare students to work as dental professionals in our communities.

The Fund for Excellence for Dental Programs will ensure that HACC's allied dental programs are up to date with the most innovative programs and equipment so that they can uphold their reputation of providing a high-quality education. HACC strives to provide industry-standard equipment and facilities, including a dental materials laboratory and dental education suite. The dental education suite includes:

- A working clinic with 20 chairs to allow students to practice assessment, planning and implementation skills by working with a variety of patients
- Six radiology rooms
- A darkroom
- A sterilization room
- A private operatory

YOU can help update this space to ensure that students are working in an industry-standard setting that will help them to prepare for work in the field by visiting hacc.edu/GiveNow to make a gift to the Fund for Excellence for Dental Programs. This innovative space will also assist faculty in teaching students to care for patients using a four-handed dentistry approach that allows a dentist to work seamlessly with a dental assistant.

For more information, please contact the HACC Foundation at foundation@hacc.edu.



"This program challenged me, and I embraced it head on; and I am so thankful for the opportunity to do so. I am now a registered dental hygienist working in a small practice that I love and continue to expand my knowledge every day. I do not doubt that I will never stop learning and improving my skills as a practitioner, and I can only contribute that to the rigorous program and work ethic that was instilled into me by the HACC dental hygiene program."

-Ambré Sauer, RDH, HACC Dental Hygiene Program Graduate