

6.9 Red River College Program Advisory Committee Year End Report

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1. The 3D scanning lectures have become very useful and popular in the dental community. This is becoming more and more popular in offices and is seen as beneficial for RDA's to have a general background of the scanning procedure. RRCC would like to offer this to their students.
2. The dishwashers have proved to be more efficient than the smaller sterilizers like the statim and steam devices. The teachers are very happy with how it has been incorporated into the sterilization area.
 - a. Proposed to use an independent lab for the biological testing which would cost \$40/test. Consideration will be taken as to the delivery method to ensure that it is cost effective. (It would be better if a large number of dentists also used the independent lab).
3. Prosthodontics module is still being developed which would enable RDA's to pack retraction cord and make temporary crowns. No projection date as to module commencement.
4. Scaling module has proved successful as some offices have created a youth hygiene program. Currently RRCC is the only school offering the Scaling module. In order to keep the module running cost effectively they would like to have RDH's do the scaling deeper than the 2mm's depth as part of their course but the problem is that they graduate in April and the Scaling module is offered in May. Discussion and brain storming will occur to offer possible solutions. There are many benefits to keeping the program only at RRCC. Possibility of making the Scaling Module part of their regular Program. Discussion about a possible Scope of Practice Committee?
5. Students are having trouble with the NDAEB exam and stats have shown that there are more people failing the exam year to year. Solutions are to provide an exam preparatory course, and have tutorials on exam writing, study skills, reading and retention and stress management. This would address the need for upgrading if there have been 3 unsuccessful attempts at passing.
6. Possibility of offering the current "Infection Prevention" course outside of the day program so that office trained assistants can receive a formal education in Infection Control. It can be offered as a Continuing Education Module for licensing requirements?
7. Enrollment was discussed in terms of requirements and credentials. Number of students not mentioned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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