

Ocean County Vocational Technical School

Working in the Field

Sharing Success Stories



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OCVTS Program: Dental Assistant
Instructor: Roxanne Beers
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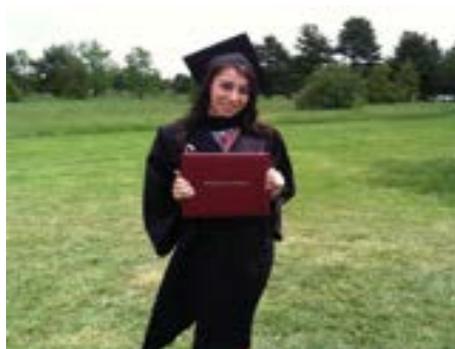
Class of: 2009
Center: Toms River
High School: Brick Township

In Rae Anna's own words: Patients frequently ask me, "What made you want to become a dental hygienist?" My response always begins with the positive experience that I had in the Dental Assisting Program at OCVTS. I loved the approach of performing in the classroom with hands on learning experience. That was the deciding factor for me attending vocational school. The skills that I learned at OCVTS were important factors in preparing me for my career path. These skills included basic key terms that are used in everyday dentistry, how to set up and breakdown rooms, how to assist a doctor with treatment, the reason why a patient needs a certain treatment, infection control procedures, personal protective equipment for your personal safety, and how to take radiographs. My favorite part about the program was having the opportunity to observe and intern at an actual dental office. Through this internship, I landed my first dental assisting job. The most important skill that I learned at OCVTS was to be professional. This skill has helped me throughout my education, job interviews, and landing a career.

After graduating, I continued my education at Ocean County College. From there, I decided to enroll in the Dental Hygienist Program at Burlington County College. Currently, I am employed as a dental hygienist at the office of Dr. Trufolo and Dr. Shor in Oakhurst. I am very fortunate to work with such talented doctors, hygienists, and assistants. I have amazing patients and love to see how far they have come with my homecare instructions.

I was very confident in my field of study after graduating from OCVTS. Mrs. Beers, my dental assisting teacher, did a wonderful job preparing me for a dental assisting career. The knowledge that I attained at OCVTS was put to good use when I attended dental school and in my job as a dental hygienist.

Roxanne Beers stated, "Rae Anna was a splash of sunshine in my first class. She embraced dental assisting with outstanding enthusiasm and her grades were always at the top of the class. Her patience, kindness and love of dentistry continued through college. Rae Anna is now a registered hygienist and I feel confident to say, she is probably one of the best!"



Rae Anna studied hard, graduated, and celebrated with cake!