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New RCC dental lab plans open house

MEDFORD — Prospective students and members of the dental community are invited to attend an open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at the new Rogue Community College Dental Assistant lab.

The state-of-the-art classroom is being used for clinical training. It mirrors technology and working conditions in an actual dental office. The new lab is located on RCC's Riverside Campus in Room 22 of A Building, 202 S Riverside Ave.

The lab, which opened in September, features six workstations and equipment manufactured in Oregon. A federal Carl Perkins Grant underwrote most of the \$180,000 expenditure.

“This lab opens opportunities for offering continuing education classes to area dental professionals,” said Susan Panisello, RCC Dental Assistant program training services coordinator.

RCC works with dental offices throughout the Rogue Valley to provide dental assisting students with onsite work experience, according to Panisello. All students must complete 270-plus hours of practicum as part of their training.

For more information on RCC's Dental Assisting program, contact Panisello at 245-7750, or visit www.rogucecc.edu/Dental.

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