MASSASOIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dental Assisting Program
Applicant Readiness & Statement of Interest Faculty Scoring Rubric

Applicant Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Scoring principle. Score only evidence contained in the applicant's written responses. Do not score handwriting quality, spelling, grammar, accent/language background, personality, or whether the reviewer personally agrees with the applicant. Use behavioral anchors consistently.

Evaluation Criteria for Dental Assisting Program Application

CRITERION	STRONG (5 Points)	SATISFACTORY (3 Points)	BELOW EXPECTATIONS (0 Points)
1. Interest in Dental Assisting	Specific, thoughtful motivation; clearly explains interest in the profession and what the applicant hopes to contribute or gain.	Clear, meaningful motivation with good explanation and connection to dental assisting.	Demonstrates some interest in the profession, but provides a vague, superficial, or insufficiently explained reason for pursuing dental assisting.
2. Understanding the Dental Assistant's Role	Accurately identifies two responsibilities/ aspects and thoughtfully explains why each is important or meaningful; clear understanding of information presented.	Accurately identifies two aspects and provides meaningful explanation with minor lack of depth/specificity.	Demonstrates partial understanding of the profession but provides limited or incomplete explanations of the responsibilities identified.
3. Program Readiness & Self-Awareness	Strong understanding of expectations; identifies a realistic strength and challenge, thoughtfully explains both, and gives a practical approach to the challenge.	Good understanding and self-awareness; explains a strength and challenge and provides a reasonable approach.	Identifies a strength and challenge but demonstrates limited reflection, self-awareness, or understanding of program expectations.

1. Interest in Dental Assisting: _____ / 5 2. Understanding the Dental Assistant's Role: _____ / 5 3. Program Readiness & Self-Awareness: ____ / 5

TOTAL SCORE: _____ / 15

Minimum Qualifying Standard Score: 9/15 or higher.
Applicants must earn a minimum score of 9 out of 15 points on the Statement of Interest/Applicant Readiness Assessment to qualify for admission consideration.
Applicants scoring below 9/15 do not meet the minimum qualifying standard and will not advance in the selective admissions process, regardless of their overall application score.
Meeting the minimum qualifying score does not guarantee admission. Applicants who meet all minimum admission requirements will be ranked according to the established selective admissions criteria, with admission offered in rank order until available seats are filled.