

Karla's Korner

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After many months of being overwhelmed with tons of homework, daily quizzes, final projects, and state requirements to complete the dental assisting program, the final is almost here and graduation is around the corner. So dental assisting students dream about having a break after all the effort and energy that they have invested during this time, but then they realize that being prepared to look for a job is the next assignment.

Here are some ideas that may help to obtain a job:

Build your resume—start by looking for words that best describe your values, personality, and skills, and then put them all together and write your resume. Please, do not make up talents, or achievements that you do not posses, keep it simple! It is also helpful to ask your teachers for some feedback, so you can end up with a well-elaborated and professional resume.

Wear professional attire—if you want to make an excellent impression during the interview, you should know that wearing business-like attire and having a clean, fresh, and well-groomed appearance play a huge role. Make sure that your appearance supports the person you are saying you are, so try to be consistent. Otherwise, you can be sending a contradictory message.

Be prepared to talk about yourself—as any business, you need to prove that you are the best option in the market. Write an elevator pitch, which is a brief statement that describes a person in a short period of time. This will include your background, academic achievements, hobbies, and most important, your future goals. So when the interviewer asks you to talk about yourself, you are going to describe yourself as if you were the best candidate for the position.

Since you have invested time and effort in high-standard training, there is no place for improvisation. Being ready and prepared will make the difference and prove that you are the perfect candidate for the position.

If you have any questions, let me know!