Course Description and Overview:
This course is designed to meet the requirements of the State of Nebraska to allow dental assistants to perform coronal polishing under the direct supervision of a licensed practicing dentist. The prerequisites to taking this course:
- Are 18+ years old
- Have one (1) year (1500 hours) of clinical work experience as a dental assistant

At the end of the course, participants should be able to:
- Recognize the anatomy of the oral cavity and tooth structures;
- Recognize the tissue structures, and their involvement with tooth structure;
- Comprehend the legal limitations of coronal polishing;
- Describe the materials needed for polishing;
- Describe positioning for the operator and patient during the polishing procedure;
- Discuss the indications/contraindications for polishing;
- Explore the advantages to the patient and the responsibilities of the operator associated with coronal polishing;
- Comprehend the anatomy, materials, tissue management and infection control needed to do quality polishing;
- Practice the skills discussed to successfully coronal polish

Tuition: 1-day course $325

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Course Information:
The course will contain 14 hours of instruction beginning at 7:30 a.m. The participants will do coronal polishing on each other under the supervision of faculty members of the Creighton University School of Dentistry. Complete refunds will be given if cancellation is received more than 72 hours prior to the course. If cancellation is received 72 hours or less prior to the course, a $50 processing fee will be assessed. Tuition: $325 (includes handouts, clinical supplies, lunch, continental breakfast and other amenities)