The Preventive Dentistry Module (PDM) provides Registered Dental Assistants (RDAs) with advanced training to perform the restricted activity of limited dental scaling under the supervision and direction of a Dentist or Registered Dental Hygienist. Upon successful completion, Alberta RDAs are able to provide limited scaling up to 4mm. The PDM training is a competency-based course that combines online self-study with mandatory clinical patient treatment days and an in-office practicum component. This course is approximately 6 months in length, and is delivered online for the theory and on site at SAIT for the clinical component. Students must pass the distance portion of the course in order to progress to the clinical portion.

### Registration Requirements

All Registered Dental Assistant applicants must meet the following criteria prior to being considered for selection:

- Current licensure/registration in a regulated Canadian jurisdiction with formal training in all of the following intra-oral skills: radiography, dental dam, impressions, rubber cup polishing, fluoride application, pit and fissure sealants, desensitization, topical anaesthetic, matrices and wedges, bases and liners, suture removal, temporary crowns and restorations, and dental probing.
- Currently practicing as an RDA (basic chair-side and intra-oral duties) and have the full support of a sponsoring Dentist.
- Employed in a dental office that is in support of your learning/program requirements to complete the Preventive Dentistry Module. This includes time to attend courses and in-office practicum requirements, ie. periodontal probing, patient assessment and preventive treatment.
- The employing Dentist must write a letter in support of time to attend classes and in-office practicum requirements, ie. periodontal probing, patient assessment and preventive treatment.
- Prepared to participate as a patient and to consent to supervised scaling practice on fellow students.

### Financial Matters

The current tuition is $8,500. Tuition and fees are subject to change. Please visit sait.ca for the most up-to-date fee information.

Additional expenses to consider:

- Textbooks, logbooks, instruments and clinical attire (approximately $1,500).
- This program has an online component. Students in this program will require access to a personal computer, printer and the internet. Personal computers must meet the SAIT requirements listed at sait.ca
# PDM Schedule – Fall/Winter Semester

Monday October 9th – Friday March 16th

The planned dates* are as follows:

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*dates subject to change

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**Registration**

Visit sait.ca (search for course code: DENT 100) for upcoming dates and to download an electronic recruitment form.

**Contact**

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Email: valerie.cunningham@sait.ca  
For more information, visit sait.ca
PDM Registration Form

☐ Fall/Winter (Oct. 9, 2017 – Mar. 16, 2018)

**Applicant Information**

First Name: ___________________________

Last Name: ___________________________

Address: _____________________________________________

Home Phone Number: (____) ___________________________ Cell Phone Number: (____) ___________________________

E-mail Address: ______________________________________

Date of Birth (d/m/y) ___________________________

CADA Registration Number: __________________________

**5 Basic/6 Expanded Skills:** ☐

- Probing (SAIT course: Full Mouth Probing): ☐
- CR (SAIT course: Provisional Coverage and Restorations): ☐

**Dental Office Information**

Sponsoring Dentist’s Name: ___________________________________________

Name of Sponsoring Dental Office: ___________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________

Office Phone Number: (____) ___________________________

The self study portion is delivered through D2L and you must have access to High-speed internet.

Please consider me as an applicant for the Preventive Dentistry Module. I have reviewed the attached sheet and meet all required criteria.

I consent to my personal information being used for the purposes of this program.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

**Please forward to:** SAIT Polytechnic

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