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I went to PCC at the Sylvania campus in Lake Oswego in 1978/1979 for my dental assistant program. I received my radiology license and my certification to be a dental assistant. I was later grandfathered in for my EFDA certificate. I worked in the dental field for over 30 years and was very proud of my work! Over the years I even received gifts and letters from patients showing how much they appreciated my gentle touch and professionalism. If you take away the education to certify and license an individual you will take away the professional aspect of our job therefore degrade the position of the dental assistant. We have worked so hard to make our position noticed and valuable to the dental team for many years! If the dental assistant becomes a dime a dozen their pay will go down and they will be hard to find to employ. The dental team would not function without the valuable dental assistant! Written from the heart!??