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# Krista Brody

When Kristi Boddy's construction-related job vanished, she felt lucky to find a production position at Cessna Aircraft. But the job lasted only about six months before the company fell victim to the economic downturn. However, she was offered funds for retraining and after researching various jobs, she headed for COCC to enroll in the dental assisting program.

"My decision to go to COCC for Dental Assisting was easy: I enjoy hard work, helping people and children," says Kristi. "The course is only a year long and at my age that seemed possible, especially being a single parent. I have started a whole new career path, and I'm loving it!"

"My experience at COCC was great! The program is packed with a lot of information. You need to "stay focused" and to stay on top of it all. I came out of it with some good friends—both students and instructors."

Kristi earned her certificate in June 2010. She is the first in her family to earn a college certificate. She now works at Pediatric Dental Associates in Bend and Redmond.

After two months on the job, she says, "I am enjoying every minute of it. I feel well prepared for the basic duties of my position. The program was comprehensive, and my instructors really did show us how things are done in the real world!"



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