

DENTAL ASSISTANT



One-Year Technical Diploma
 31-508-1

The Dental Assistant Program prepares graduates to work with dentists as they examine and treat patients. Dental Assistants with documented skills will carry out a variety of laboratory, clinical, and office duties. Some dental assistants manage the office and are responsible for patient scheduling and bookkeeping functions. Graduates receive a technical diploma and are eligible to write the certification examination of the Dental Assisting National Board. Most dental assistants work in general or specialized dental offices, either for individual dentists or for groups of dentists. Some dental assistants may choose to work for insurance companies, dental laboratories, or dental supply companies.

Prior to enrolling in the Dental Assistant program (508) courses, students must complete an online criminal background check. There is an additional fee associated with the background check process.

Program Outcomes

- Perform a variety of advanced supportive dental procedures.
- Manage infection and hazard control.
- Produce diagnostic intraoral and extraoral radiographs on a variety of patients.
- Perform advanced dental laboratory procedures.
- Demonstrate professional behaviors, ethics, and appearance.
- Perform dental office business procedures.

Graduates Have Found Employment As

- Dental Assistant
- Dental Receptionist
- Dental Office Manager
- Dental Practice Manager
- Dental Lab Technician
- Dental Insurance Claims Processor

- Dental Sales Representative
- Dental Treatment Coordinator
- Dental Specialty Assistant

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Semester 1		Credits
508-101	Dental Health Safety	1
508-103	Dental Radiography	2
508-113	Dental Materials	2
508-302	Dental Chairside	5
508-304	Dental & General Anatomy	2
508-306	Dental Assistant Clinical	3
508-307	Dental Assistant Professionalism	1
Credits		16
Semester 2		Credits
508-120	Dental Office Management	2
508-308	Dental Chairside Advanced	5
508-309	Dental Laboratory Procedures	4
508-310	Dental Radiography - Advanced	1
508-311	Dental Assistant Clinical Advanced	2
801-198	Speech	3
Credits		17
Total Credits		33

General Education Courses Within Program

Code	Title	Credits
801-198	Speech	3