



Expanded Duty Dental Assisting

Dental assistants are a crucial support team at every dentist's office. In the Expanded Duty Dental Assisting program, you'll train to work in general as well as specialty dentistry—including restorative and preventive oral health care. Your coursework will teach you a variety of valuable skills and technique, such as:

- Patient education (proper way to brush and floss)
- Performing intra-oral and extra-oral radiographs
- Applying pit and fissure sealants
- Taking whole-mouth impressions
- Sterilizing instruments
- Setting up patient trays
- Medical record keeping
- Polishing teeth and fillings
- Assisting the dentist
- Managing dental offices

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Recently remodeled dental suite includes upgrades to the dental assisting classroom, dental materials lab and on-campus dental clinic.



State-of-the-art equipment helps students keep up with advancements in dentistry, including dental simulators, a digital impression scanner, intraoral cameras, stationary and hand-held x-ray units, and multiple sensors for taking digital radiographs. Having this cutting-edge dental technology and equipment gives our students the advantage of training on the equipment they'll be using prior to completing clinical externships and getting hired.



Excellent job placement rates (94%) as a result of the program being highly regarded in the community. TCTC dental assisting students/graduates are sought out by employers because they understand the high standards held for students by the faculty and the college.



Students have the opportunity to become a Certified Dental Assistant immediately following graduation by passing all 3 DANB exams. Students are also certified in radiology and have the opportunity to become certified in Nitrous Oxide Monitoring by taking the course and exam on-campus prior to graduating.

Career Outlooks and Average Salaries

Job Title	What You Do	# Job Openings
Dental Assistants	Assist dentist, set up equipment, prepare patient for treatment, and keep records.	243
Dental Hygienists	Clean teeth and examine oral areas, head, and neck for signs of oral disease. May educate patients on oral hygiene, take and develop x rays, or apply fluoride or sealants.	95

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