

# DENTAL ASSISTING

## ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

The Dental Assisting Program prepares individuals to assist the dentist in the delivery of dental treatment, such as: creating night guards and whitening trays, fabricating temporary crowns, manipulating a variety of restorative dental materials, applying dental sealants, exposing dental radiographs, assisting with dental extractions, maintaining orthodontic appliances, assisting with root canals, prosthodontics, and oral surgeries.

Students begin their journey in an 18-station manikin-based simulation lab and practice their skills in an 18-chair state of the art dental clinic. For two semesters, the dental assisting students participate in clinical rotations at a variety of dental offices in order to gain experience performing a variety of dental procedures.

Graduates may be eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board Examination to become Certified Dental Assistants. As a Dental Assistant II, defined by the dental laws of North Carolina, graduates may work in dental offices, community clinics, schools, public health agencies, industry, and professional education. This program is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, (CODA), 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, 1-800-621-8099, Ext. 27052.



### POSSIBLE JOB TITLES:

- Dental Assistant II
- Certified Dental Assistant
- Dental Assistant

### MEDIAN SALARY:

\$40,080 annually

### BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS CLUSTER WEBSITE:

[bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/home.htm](https://bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/home.htm)

### POTENTIAL JOB PLACEMENTS:

- Local Dental Offices
- Community Dental Centers
- University Dental Clinics
- Education
- Sales

### SKILLS/APTITUDES NEEDED FOR PROGRAM:

- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Skills
- Communication Skills
- Interpersonal Skills

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## **DEGREE(S)**

None

## **DIPLOMA(S)**

Diploma in Dental Assisting (D45240; Dental Center - Day) – three semesters (summer included)

## **CERTIFICATE(S)**

None; Short-term: Medical Math

## **TRANSFER OPTIONS**

None

## **ADDITIONAL COSTS OF PROGRAM**

Scrubs, Clinic Shoes, Dental Typodont, Safety Goggles, Stethoscope, Blood Pressure Cuff

## **STATE LICENSURE/EXAMS/INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS**

Optional - Certified Dental Assistant (additional cost)

## **ADDITIONAL ADMISSIONS PROCESS**

Minimum Admissions Criteria required to be considered for this program.

# **CONTACTS**

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