



Dental Assisting

Associate in Science

The Dental Assisting Program introduces students to the high demand field of professional dental assisting. Dental assistants are a significant and valuable member of the dental health care team. Students are trained to perform a wide variety of duties including working chairside as patients are examined and treated, sterilizing instruments, and applying anti-cavity agents to teeth. Dental assisting students are also taught to perform laboratory duties such as taking and pouring impressions and making temporary crowns. Additionally, the Dental Assisting Program offers curriculum on executing office duties such as scheduling and confirming patients, filing patient treatment records, billing, and ordering ... [More](#)

Additional Requirements

Dental Assisting (DA) only admits students to the program in the fall, and all DA courses listed in each semester must be taken, attending part-time ... [More](#)

Program Learning Outcomes

1

Effectively practice anti-cariogenic techniques and employ the appropriate anti-cariogenic dental materials (e.g., administer oral hygiene instructions, apply fluoride varnish) under the proper supervision of a dentist.

2

Examine the ethical and legal decisions inherent to the dental field and distinguish between unethical and illegal actions.

3

Manage their fundamental roles in a dental practice.

4

Employ the skills of chairside dental assisting in general practice and be able to compare and contrast those general practice skills to the duties of a dental assistant in specialty practice.

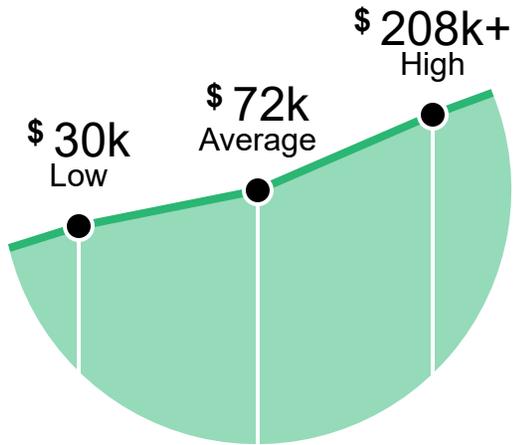
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Operate dental radiographic equipment properly and safely.

Salary, Growth and Careers

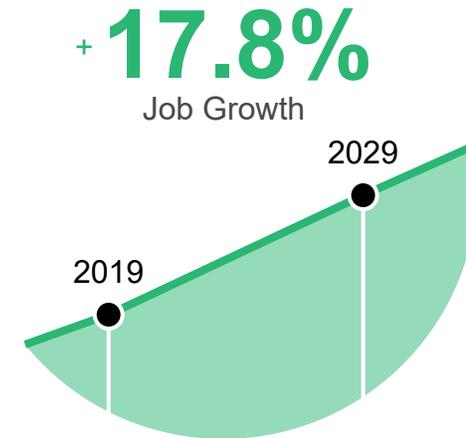
Salary

Careers associated with this program have a salary range from \$30,000 to over \$208,000 with an average salary of \$72,000.



Growth

Career opportunities for this program are expected to grow nationwide from 2019 to 2029.



Careers



Education Level

Postsecondary nondegree award



Education levels are meant to represent what is typical for entry into the career, based on data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

+11.2% Job Growth

Progr

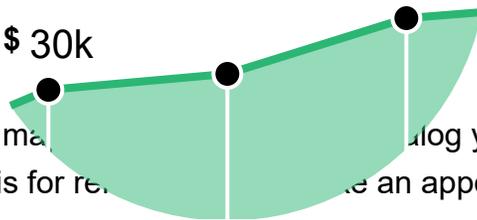
\$ 43k

Average Salary

Pathway:

to Degree \$ 30k

\$ 63k



Map View

List View

This program map represents one possible pathway through the program and is for reference only. Contact an advisor to create a customized education plan that fits your needs.

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60.0 Units

Major Course

General Education Course

Elective Course

Milestone

Offers Microcredential

Fall

1st Term

GE Pattern D1 English Composition

4.0 Units

Choose a course

GEN

GE Pattern MATH COMPETENCY

3.0 Units

Choose a course

GEN

GE Pattern B1 American History/Institutions

3.0 Units

Choose a course

GEN

GEN

MILE

13.0 UNITS

**GE Pattern C1
Fine/Performing Arts**
3.0 Units
Choose a course

**District-wide comparable
courses**
A listing of comparable courses throughout
the district.

Spring
2nd Term

**GE Pattern A1 Biological
Sciences**
3.0 Units
Choose a course

**GE Pattern B2 Social and
Behavioral Sciences**
3.0 Units
Choose a course

GE Pattern C2 Humanities
3.0 Units
Choose a course

13.0 UNITS

**GE Pattern E1 Health
Education**
3.0 Units
Choose a course

**GE Pattern E2 Physical
Education/Kinesiology**
1.0 Units
Choose a course

Career Center Workshops
Preparing for a career starts now, sign-up
for a workshop today.

Summer
3rd Term

**GE Pattern A2 Physical
Science**
3.0 Units
Choose a course

ELECTIVE
4.0 Units
Choose a course

7.0 UNITS

Fall
4th Term

DA R010
3.0 Units
Introduction to Dental Assisting

DA R011
3.0 Units
Beginning Radiology for Dental Assisting

DA R012
3.0 Units
Dental Materials for Dental Assisting

DA R013
1.0 Units
Occupational Health for Dental Assisting

DA R014
2.0 Units
Introduction to Chairside Dental Assisting

DA R015
2.0 Units
Dental Specialties for Dental Assisting

Apply for Graduation

14.0 UNITS

Congratulations on all your hard work it is time to apply to graduate.

Spring

5th Term

DA R020

2.0 Units

Advanced Dental Assisting

MAJ

DA R021

3.0 Units

Practice Management for Dental Assisting

MAJ

DA R022

3.0 Units

Clinical Dental Assisting Experience

MAJ

DA R023

1.0 Units

Ethics and Jurisprudence for Dental Assisting

MAJ

DA R024

2.0 Units

Dental Assisting Seminar

MAJ

DA R025

2.0 Units

Dental Assisting Health Education

MAJ

13.0 UNITS

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