

Dental Assisting

Mode of Delivery	Hybrid - Courses delivered online are identified below; all other courses are offered in a traditional on-campus (residential) mode of delivery. Online courses are delivered through a consortium agreement with Fortis College in Centerville, Ohio.
Credential Awarded	Diploma
Contact Hours	1040
Program Quarter Credits	60
Instructional Weeks	48
Total Clock Hours	Including Out-of-Class Work Hours: 1300

Objective

The Dental Assistant's role is critical to the delivery of quality dental health care. Advanced technologies and the increasing demand for dental services have resulted in dramatic growth in the industry. The objective of the dental assisting program is to provide quality career education that prepares students not only for seeking entry-level employment in the dental assisting field but also for life-long learning and personal and professional growth.

Description

Dental assistants perform a variety of patient care, office, and laboratory duties. They sterilize and disinfect instruments and equipment, prepare and lay out the instruments and materials required to treat each patient, and obtain and update patients' dental records. Assistants make patients comfortable in the dental chair and prepare them for treatment. During dental procedures, assistants work alongside the dentist to provide assistance. The Dental Assisting curriculum provides a foundation in the health sciences and hands-on training in using the technology necessary to perform tasks typically performed by a Dental Assistant.

Externship

An externship component is included in this program to provide students with the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills to real-life situations in a dental setting. Students are required to complete the required externship hours and other related learning activities prior to graduation. Students are not paid for work performed at the externship site.

Credentialing Exams

Graduates of this program are eligible for taking the Dental Assisting National Board's (DANB) Radiation Health and Safety (RHS), and the Infection Control Examination (ICE) Examinations.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Dental Assisting program are prepared to seek entry-level employment in the office of a licensed dentist, performing tasks such as assisting with procedures, managing/maintaining patient records, and completing other appropriate tasks assigned by the licensed Dentist.

Plan of Study

Course Code	Name	Clock Hours	Credits
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AHP101	Introduction to Health Professions	60	4
AHP105	Medical Terminology	60	4
AHP106	Medical Anatomy and Physiology	60	4
DAS110	Fundamentals of Dental Assisting	60	4
DAS116	Infection Control	60	4
DAS120	Dental Procedures and Techniques	60	4
DAS125	Dental Materials and Lab Techniques	60	4
DAS130	Dental Restorative Procedures	60	4
DAS135	Dental Radiology	60	4
DAS140	Dental Office Procedures and Billing	60	4
DAS145	Dental Specialties and Expanded Functions	60	4
DAS151	Dental Capstone	60	4
DAS190	Externship I	160	6
DAS195	Externship II	160	6

[AHP105](#), [AHP106](#): Online Delivery

Schedule

Morning: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Evening: 5:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Required externship hours may be scheduled outside of typical class sessions.

Externship hours will be available during typical daytime office hours. Hours are subject to change.