

DENTAL ASSISTING



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Program Description

The dental assistant performs a wide range of tasks requiring both interpersonal and technical skills. Dental assistants help the dentist at chairside and also perform functions such as polishing teeth, taking and developing dental radiographs, mixing materials and sterilizing instruments. Some assistants also manage the office and patient accounts, schedule appointments and purchase supplies. The dental assistant may seek career opportunities in private dental office, research, teaching, clinics, hospitals, sales and insurance claims and Specialty practices such as orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, endodontics and oral surgery.

The program provides a practicum in both local dental offices, the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and the Veterans Affairs Dental Clinic during the second semester.

The Dental Assisting program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (ADA), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation Board by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 446-2698 or 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622. Offering expanded functions dental assisting.

Award Options

Diploma for 9 Month Program

Successful completion of the program entitles graduate to take the National Dental Assistant Certification Examination and the Iowa Dental Assistant Registration Examinations.

Job Outlook

Employment is expected to grow 36 percent from 2008 to 2018, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. In fact, dental assistants are expected to be among the fastest growing occupations over the 2008–18 projection period. Median annual wages of dental assistants were \$32,380 in May 2008. The middle 50 percent earned between \$26,980 and \$38,960. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$22,270, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$46,150.

For details, please visit this link <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>



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Program requirements subject to change. Please check with your advisor.

Diploma

FALL START OPTION:

FIRST SEMESTER

		CREDITS
DEA:201	Head and Neck Anatomy	1
DEA:257	Dental Anatomy	3
DEA:293	Microbiology and Infection Control	2
DEA:311	Dental Radiography I	2
DEA:406	Dental Materials	5
DEA:504	Principles of Dental Assisting	5
COM:102	Communication Skills*	3
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SECOND SEMESTER

DEA:211	Nutrition for Dental Assisting	1
DEA:268	Pharmacy and Emergency Procedures for Dental Assisting	2
DEA:321	Dental Radiography II	2
DEA:570	Dental Assisting Clinic	5
DEA:592	Dental Assisting Seminar	1
DEA:604	Dental Specialties	3
DEA:702	Dental Office Procedures	2
PSY:111	Introduction to Psychology*	3
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DIPLOMA TOTAL

40

* Courses may be taken before beginning the program.

SPRING START OPTION:

SPRING SEMESTER

DEA:201	Head and Neck Anatomy	1
DEA:257	Dental Anatomy	3
DEA:293	Microbiology and Infection Control	2
DEA:406	Dental Materials	5
DEA:504	Principles of Dental Assisting	5
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SUMMER SESSION

DEA:311	Dental Radiography I	2
DEA:604	Dental Specialties	3
DEA:702	Dental Office Procedures	2
COM:102	Communications Skills* OR	
PSY:111	Introduction to Psychology*	3
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FALL SEMESTER

DEA:211	Nutrition for Dental Assisting	1
DEA:268	Pharmacy and Emergency Procedures for Dental Assisting	2
DEA:321	Dental Radiography II	2
DEA:570	Dental Assisting Clinic (300 Hrs.)	5
DEA:592	Dental Assisting Seminar	1
COM:102	Communication Skills* OR	
PSY:111	Introduction to Psychology*	3
		14

DIPLOMA TOTAL

40