

DA 3000

Dental Assistant

15 weeks

DURATION



ISSUING AUTHORITIES

High School Diploma or GED

REQUIREMENTS

PROGRAM DETAILS

Dental Assisting is projected to be among the fastest-growing occupations in the United States through 2026. There is high demand for caring, knowledgeable, and professional individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of patients – while pursuing an exciting career in healthcare. This program prepares students to take on significant responsibility as a member of a dental healthcare team. Dental Assistants greatly increase the efficiency of the dentist in delivery of quality, oral healthcare.

The MedCerts online Dental Assistant program prepares students to gain industry certifications and, ultimately, to work with patients in dental offices, community dental and health clinics, and hospital-based dental facilities. Today's dental assistants perform a variety of clinical and administrative duties, and the MedCerts program covers the wide range of skills and objectives needed to meet industry demands for skilled and well-rounded dental assistants. This program prepares students to assist dentists and dental hygienists by providing the essential clinical and administrative skills needed in the dental setting. The program covers subjects such as dental anatomy and morphology, infection control, radiation health safety and radiographic skills, patient education, soft skills, dental materials, and essential chairside functions.

Dental Assistant responsibilities include assisting with and providing direct patient care, sterilizing instruments, taking impressions, and performing office management tasks. Working under the direction of a Dentist, assistants may perform a variety of tasks such as coronal polishing, sealant application, fluoride application, and topical anesthetic application. The Dental Assistant program covers a comprehensive range of knowledge domains, topics, objectives, and tasks that a practicing Dental Assistant could perform. However, it is important to note that each state regulates the scope of practice for Dental Assistants within that specific state.

COURSES

- PS 1011** Professionalism in Allied Health
- DA 3011** Infection Control in Dental Healthcare Settings
- DA 3012** Dental Anatomy, Morphology, and Physiology
- DA 3013** Dental Assisting Essentials
- DA 3014** Radiation Health and Safety in Dentistry



AT THE END OF THIS PROGRAM, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

-  Gain knowledge and skills in preparation to pass the RDA certification exam.
-  Discuss tooth numbering systems, dental charting, and scheduling patients according to treatment plan
-  Identify important head, neck, and oral anatomy related to patient care, including anomalies and radiographic landmarks
-  Demonstrate essential dental assisting skills needed for patient preparation, measurement of vital signs, and four-handed dentistry, as well as the dental assistant's role in medical emergencies
-  Demonstrate basic knowledge of radiology, including guidelines, regulations, and quality assurance in radiographic imaging and mounting

ATTAINABLE CAREERS

- Dental Assistant
- Dental Office Manager
- Dental Sales
- Dental Lab Assistant



TARGET CERTIFICATIONS

-  Registered Dental Assistant

As a MedCerts Student, you also have the added benefit of Job Search Assistance including guidance with resume building, networking, job search, and interviewing tips.

***PLEASE NOTE: This program does not qualify for Dental Assistant licensing in the state of Montana. Each state's dental board implements rules and regulations for delegating legally allowable duties to dental assistants. Passing one or more of the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) component exams or earning DANB certification only conveys authority to perform these duties in those states that recognize these exams or this certification as meeting state dental assisting requirements. This information is available at www.danb.org*