

# Dental Assistant Entry Level

## INDUSTRY FACTS



### What do dental assistants do?

Within the large and growing healthcare industry, dental assistants play a key role in keeping a healthcare facility running smoothly. They perform general patient care and handle routine administrative responsibilities that frequently include the following:

- Assist the dentist during dental procedures
- Sterilize instruments
- Take dental impressions
- Manage office records, including billing and paperwork
- Greet and care for patients
- Schedule and confirm patient appointments
- Manage dental records
- Instruct patients on proper oral care

### Where do dental assistants work?

Dental assistants work with dentists and dental hygienists to provide care to patients. Most dental assistants work full-time, standard schedules, but part-time work is also available.



### How much do dental assistants earn?

With opportunities nationwide, dental assistants can earn competitive salaries. The U.S. Department of Labor reports that the middle 50% of professionals in the field earn \$37,630\* a year.

### Is the dental assistant field growing?

The healthcare industry is growing rapidly due to the country's aging population and new healthcare laws. As practices expand, dental assistants will take on more routine duties, so dentists and orthodontists can see more patients. Employment for dental assistants is expected to grow by 19%, or over 64,000 jobs, by 2026.\*

\*U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

"I was very impressed with what CareerStep had to offer. Affordable pricing for a comprehensive program, combined with the support and flexibility I needed. A perfect choice!"

**JESSICA, CAREERSTEP LEARNER**

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## PROGRAM DETAILS

### Improve Your Life

In as little as 12 months, you can be prepared for a successful new career as a dental assistant! With this training program, you'll have everything you need to get a good job to better support your family and improve your financial security—including an externship so you can gain hands-on experience.

### Prepare For A Better Job

Train affordably without sacrificing quality. This program's comprehensive training was developed by industry professionals with years of experience. The program is specially designed to help you:

- Gain hands-on clinical experience in patient care and dental office procedures
- Get certification-ready with a one-year membership to the American Medical Technologists (AMT) association and a voucher to take the RDA Exam with AMT OR all 3 NELDA component exams (AMP, ICE, RHS).

### Learn At Home

Online training minimizes the challenges of taking time out to return to school. The online training format offers distinct advantages:

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at a pace that matches your learning style
- Enjoy the flexibility to adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day

### Achieve Success With Live Learner And Career Support

Our program is designed to help you accomplish your goal of getting a job. In addition to comprehensive training and online flexibility, you'll be assigned an advisor who will be there for you every step of the way. You'll also have one-on-one access to our 3 support teams—learner support, technical support, and career support—to ensure that you can complete your program and prepare for a better future! All of these student success teams are committed to helping you:

- Complete your training quickly
- Prepare for the NELDA and RDA certification exams
- Successfully move into the workforce

### Program Outline

#### Courses

Program Orientation: Dental Assistant Entry Level

Introduction to Dental Assisting

Dental Infection Control

Basic Dental Sciences

Oral Health and Nutrition

Tooth Morphology and Dental Charting

Dental Pharmacology and Med Emergencies

Dental Radiology

Preparation for Dental Patient Care

HIPPA for Dental Providers

Dental Office Management and Employment

Externship Readiness Skills

Dental Office and Basic Chairside Assisting

Dental Restorative and Laboratory Materials

Clinical Dental Procedures

Dental Specialities

Career Success in Healthcare

Dental Assistant Entry Level Final Exam

Initiating Your Externship

Clinical Externship

Program Completion: Dental Assistant Entry Level

**TOTAL HOURS: 460**

**300 Coursework, Simulations, and Experiential + 160 Clinical Externship**