



## Personality + Career

SCC Dental Assisting students are good communicators, organized, flexible, and empathetic. They like to work in a team setting and are willing to learn and ask questions.

| Program                                       | What do students learn in the program?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | What you'll earn!                                                                     | Career Opportunities                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Certificate Preparation                                                                                                                                                                              | Required Tools, Supplies, and Uniforms                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dental Assisting Diploma                      | Classes are taught in a flipped classroom environment, with engaged learning in lecture classes and hands-on learning in the labs. You will learn a wide range of tasks and procedures regarding infection control, assisting the dentist with various procedures, taking radiographs, coronal polishing, taking impressions, preparing and mixing dental materials, fabricating temporary crowns/bridges, office management tasks, oral hygiene instructions, ordering supplies, communication, and educating the patient before, during and after treatment.                  | \$19.45 per hour; \$40,456 annually                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified Dental Assistant</li> <li>• Dental Assistant</li> <li>• Orthodontic Assistant</li> <li>• Licensed Dental Assistant</li> <li>• Dental Claims Processor</li> <li>• Office Manager</li> </ul> | The one-year diploma program allows graduates to take the national board exam to become a Certified Dental Assistant and a Nebraska Licensed Dental Assistant.                                       | Uniform and supplies required. More information will be shared at program orientation. |
| Dental Assisting Associate of Applied Science | In addition to the required General Education courses, students learn advanced Dental Assisting Scope duties such as: administration of nitrous oxide (laughing gas), final impressions for fixed (crowns and bridges) and removable (partials and dentures) prosthesis, denture/partial adjustments, and contour and cementation of primary crowns (on baby teeth). Advanced Scope course is taught in a hybrid format. All of the lecture content is delivered online, while the lab component is scheduled on a specific date and time on campus with a supervising dentist. | \$19.45 per hour; \$40,456 annually (salary listed is an average for all credentials) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified Dental Assistant</li> <li>• Dental Assistant</li> <li>• Orthodontic Assistant</li> <li>• Licensed Dental Assistant</li> <li>• Dental Claims Processor</li> <li>• Office Manager</li> </ul> | Graduates of the A.A.S. program are able to apply for a permit that is added to their existing dental assistant license. This permit increases the services and procedures they are able to perform. | Uniform and supplies required. More information will be shared at program orientation. |

### » Your Next Steps to Choose SCC

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- ▶ Explore career options with an Admissions Counselor - [southeast.edu/admissionsadvising](https://southeast.edu/admissionsadvising)
- ▶ Apply - [southeast.edu/applynow](https://southeast.edu/applynow)

### » Paying for SCC

- ▶ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - [studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa)
- ▶ Scholarships - [southeast.edu/scholarships](https://southeast.edu/scholarships)
- ▶ Payment Plan - [mycollegepaymentplan.com/southeast](https://mycollegepaymentplan.com/southeast)
- ▶ Veteran Education Benefits - [southeast.edu/veterans-services](https://southeast.edu/veterans-services)
- ▶ GAP Assistance Program - [southeast.edu/gap](https://southeast.edu/gap)
- ▶ Children of State Teammate Tuition Reimbursement Program - [southeast.edu/children-of-state-teammate-tuition-reimbursement-program](https://southeast.edu/children-of-state-teammate-tuition-reimbursement-program)



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### Contact Admissions to get started!

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Put your interpersonal and technical skills to work in a high-demand career as a dental assistant. You will gain hands-on skills as well as learn optimal practices and procedures in our new state-of-the-art facility with the latest technology in order to work chairside in a dental office.

As a dental assistant, you may take X-rays, prepare and sterilize equipment, take impressions of patients' teeth, polish teeth, assist the dentist with a variety of procedures, communicate with other health care professionals, and perform office-management tasks.

This program is accredited by the American Dental Association-Commission on Dental Accreditation (ADA-CODA), 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, 312-440-2500 or 800-621-8099, [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org)

### Program Contact Information

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# The SCC Experience

- » We offer simulated hands-on learning in our lab to prepare you to work with patients in a clinical setting. Your educational experience also includes training in our eight fully functional dental operators as well as other educational tools.
- » All of our instructors are graduates of the SCC Dental Assisting program, and each one is a Nationally Certified Dental Assistant and Licensed Dental Assistant in the state of Nebraska. Our faculty's clinical experience is a valuable asset to students as they share first-hand experience and knowledge with students, further preparing them to enter the workforce.
- » SCC's students' clinical rotations start at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry. We partner with clinics to offer a variety of clinical site experiences during your last term of the diploma program.
- » You will complete the coronal polishing and X-ray certificates while you are in the program.



## Related SCC Pathways:

- Associate of Health Sciences
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Laboratory Technology



| Program                  | What is the starting term for each program option? | In what term do students start clinicals? | Where do students participate in clinicals?                  | In general, what time of day and days of the week can students expect to attend clinical? | Will the program help student secure their sites? Do students need to contact clinical sites prior to acceptance/placement?                                                 | How many clinical hours do students complete in the program? |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dental Assisting Diploma | Fall and Spring                                    | Second term of the program                | UNMC College of Dentistry, various dental clinics in Lincoln | Monday - Friday, with clinicals scheduled between 7 am - 6 pm, dependent on the semester. | The clinical coordinator will place students in clinical sites based on required hours, procedures, and availability. Students should not contact potential clinical sites. | Approximately 320 hours                                      |

| Program                                       | Location | Credit Hours | Tuition/Fees*               | Books/Fees/Supplies | Total Cost*                 | Starting Term(s) | Number of Semesters Required- Full Time | Is Summer term required for Full Time? | Online Option | Can the program be completed entirely online? | Part-Time Option | Typical Class Schedule                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dental Assisting Diploma                      | Lincoln  | 32           | R - \$3,872<br>NR - \$4,544 | \$1,486             | R - \$5,358<br>NR - \$6,030 | Fall and Spring  | 3                                       | Yes                                    | No            | No                                            | No               | 2 full-days, 3 half-days<br>Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.                 |
| Dental Assisting Associate of Applied Science | Lincoln  | 60           | R - \$7,260<br>NR - \$8,520 | \$954               | R - \$8,214<br>NR - \$9,474 | Fall and Spring  | 4                                       | No                                     | No            | No                                            | No               | On campus lab approximately 12-16 hours.<br>Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. |

\*R=Resident, NR=Non-resident. Costs listed are estimates and are subject to change based on the market price of books, supplies, tools, uniforms, etc. Estimated costs also include tuition and fees. Additionally, days/times of week for class, lab, clinical/practicum are subject to change based on curriculum, facilities, instructor, and site availability. Actual program schedules will be provided prior to each enrolled term.