

Dental Assisting

Diploma

TYPES OF JOBS AVAILABLE:

- Within clinics, dental offices and laboratories

Dental assistants work with dentists to provide treatment to patients and help patients be as comfortable as possible during the dental treatment. During the dental procedure, they keep the patient's mouth clean with suction devices and prepare materials for making impressions. They also assist with oral surgery and restorations, and they expose and process radiographs as directed by a dentist. Other skills used by dental assistants:

- coronal polishing of teeth
- sterilizing and disinfecting dental equipment and instruments
- preparing tray setups for dental procedures
- providing post-operative instructions and care to patients pertaining to oral health practices; and
- exposing and developing x-rays

In some offices, dental assistants may also manage the entire dental office, arrange and confirm appointments, greet patients, keep treatment records, send statements, receive payments, file insurance forms and order dental supplies and materials.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The program is offered only at the Lincoln Campus.

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LINCOLN CAMPUS

This program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, 312-440-2500, www.ada.org

Credit Hours Required for Graduation: 76.0

The Dental Assisting program provides opportunities to develop specialized skills in dental health education, chairside assisting, laboratory procedures, and business office operating procedures. The program provides clinical experiences at the University of Nebraska Medical Center-College of Dentistry, the Veterans Administration Dental Clinic, the Lincoln/Lancaster-County Dental Clinic, the People's Health Clinic and in private dental offices. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the chairside certification examination of the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc., www.danb.org.

All (DENT) courses must be passed with a 75% (C+) or above. All General Education courses must be passed at the 70% (C) or above.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENT:

A criminal background check (CBC) will be required of each student in this program. Based on the outcome of the background check, a student may be prevented from taking certain courses, accessing certain laboratory experiences, or completing the program. A non-refundable fee of \$45 will be assessed for this background check.



This program offers classes online!

DENTAL ASSISTING COURSES:

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HRS
*DENT1103	Oral Sciences I	3.0
*DENT1110	Preclinical Concepts	6.5
*DENT1210	Oral Sciences II	4.0
*DENT1211	Dental Assisting Foundations I	4.5
*DENT1212	Oral Hygiene	2.0
*DENT1214	Clinical Concepts	3.5
*DENT1311	Dental Assisting Foundations II	4.5
*DENT1312	Dental Materials I	3.0
*DENT1313	Oral Radiography I	4.5
*DENT1314	Clinical Education I	6.5
*DENT1410	Practice Management Skills	3.0
*DENT1411	Dental Assisting Foundations III	4.0
*DENT1412	Dental Materials II	3.0
*DENT1413	Oral Radiography II	2.0
*DENT1414	Clinical Education II	6.5
FSDT1350	Basic Nutrition	4.5
MEDA1101	Medical Terminology I	2.0
		67.0 hours

*Clinical track courses

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

Contact your program advisor to select general education course/s from each category which will meet your program's graduation requirements. See page 65 for complete list.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS	CREDIT HRS
SPCH1110 Public Speaking or	4.5
SPCH1090 Fundamentals of Human Communication or	
SPCH2810 Business & Professional Communication	

SOCIAL SCIENCE	CREDIT HRS
PSYC1250 Interpersonal Relations or	4.5
PSYC1810 Introduction to Psychology	

9.0 hours

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Verification of current health insurance policy, medical statement, hepatitis immunizations, health care provider CPR card, and current prophylaxis (teeth cleaned) are required prior to entering the clinical track courses DENT1110 and DENT1103.

Note: This program is offered **online** annually, starting in the fall quarter.



Course list for General Education requirements on page 65.