DENTAL ASSISTING

Lincoln Campus

Dental assistants are in high demand. Put your interpersonal and technical skills to work in a profession that offers opportunities for advancement. You'll gain hands-on skills and optimal practices and procedures to prevent contamination and work chairside in a dental office. Dental assistants may take X-rays, prepare and sterilize instruments and equipment, take impressions of patients' teeth, polish (coronal) teeth, assist the dentist with various procedures, communicate with other health care professionals, and perform office-management tasks. Dental assistants who pass their boards can become a licensed professional in the state of Nebraska. Another benefit to a career as a dental assistant is the work schedule, typically 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday!

**SCC is the Right Choice**

- Pass rate of SCC students taking the Certified Dental Assistant exam the last five years is 95%
- After becoming a licensed dental assistant, you can continue to build on your scope of practice by taking advanced skills courses
- You'll do rotations with University of Nebraska College of Dentistry students in your second term and conduct rotations at general and specialty offices and clinics in your third term
- One-year Diploma program allows graduates to take the national board exam to become Certified Dental Assistants
- A.A.S. degree focuses on expanding your duties and functions within the practice of dental assisting

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**2020-2021 Resident Estimated Expenses**

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We really enjoyed the Dental Assisting program because it taught us so much in just a quick year. It's challenging and hard, but so worth it! We really felt prepared to go into any office. The classrooms are very hands-on and small, so we really had the opportunity to have a one-on-one experience with all the teachers. They were willing to help us out with anything we needed, and we really felt like they wanted to see us succeed!

-Left, Emma Anderson (2018) and Meriel Kayton (2018), Wilderness Station Pediatric Dentistry

**Top Career Options**

- Licensed Dental Assistant
- Expanded Function Dental Assistant
- Certified Dental Assistant
- Head Dental Assistant
- Orthodontic Assistant
- Surgical Assistant

**Graduate Earnings**

Recent graduates report an average starting salary of $36,712 per year.

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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, www.ada.org

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