

CERTIFICATE/ASSOCIATE DEGREE*

DENTAL ASSISTING

Service With a Smile.

It takes a lot of different people to keep a dental office running smoothly. Dental assistants are among the most crucial; their work ranges from patient care to office tasks and laboratory procedures. At Carrington College®, our students learn to take X-rays and impressions, and perform a variety of dental procedures, including performing coronal polishing and more. Our program covers patient preparation, charting, administrative duties and office administration. And it's not all classroom study - our students get hands-on training during lab sessions, operatory experience and externship. Upon completing the program, graduates are able to apply for and take the State of California Dental Board examination for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA).† The program culminates in a Certificate of Achievement or an Associate of Science degree in Dental Assisting.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of dental assistants is expected to grow 25% from 2012-2022.‡



Duties May Include:

- Sterilizing and disinfecting instruments and equipment
- Obtaining dental records
- Patient preparation
- Taking X-rays and impressions
- Performing coronal polish and assisting with restoration, oral surgery and orthodontic procedures
- Instructing patients on postoperative and general oral health care
- Administrative duties

Possible Employment Opportunities:

- Dental offices
- Private and governmental facilities
- State and local public health departments
- Clinics
- Dental schools

For comprehensive consumer information visit carrington.edu/ccc/da

* Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. Information is current at the time of printing. For the most updated information, visit carrington.edu.

† Carrington College prepares students to take appropriate certification and licensure exams related to their individual majors. The College does not guarantee students will successfully pass these exams or be certified or licensed as a result of completing the program.

‡ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook (2014-15 Ed.)



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CERTIFICATE - DENTAL ASSISTING - BLENDED OPTION

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Dental Assisting program, graduates will be able to:

- Perform all dental assisting and Registered Dental Assisting chairside duties.
- Perform coronal polish on patients.
- Take radiographs (X-rays) on clinical patients.
- Demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, information management, personal and professional development, communication skills, respect and responsibility.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS - Sacramento

Dental Assisting Courses		Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Practical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
DA 21.2	Dental Science*	50	0	0	3.3
DA 201.2	Dental Assisting Procedures 1†	16	47	0	2.62
DA 22.2	Dental Office Protocols*	50	0	0	3.3
DA 202.2	Dental Assisting Procedures 2†	16	47	0	2.62
DA 23.2	Dental Radiology*	50	0	0	3.3
DA 203.2	Dental Assisting Procedures 3†	16	47	0	2.62
DA 24.2	Preventive Dentistry 1*	50	0	0	3.3
DA 204.2	Dental Assisting Procedures 4†	16	47	0	2.62
DA 25.2	Preventive Dentistry 2*	50	0	0	3.3
DA 205.2	Dental Assisting Procedures 5†	16	47	0	2.62
DA 26.2	Dental Specialties*	50	0	0	3.3
DA 206.2	Dental Assisting Procedures 6†	16	47	0	2.62
CDV 198.2	Career Development Seminar*	30	0	0	2
DA 502.2	Externship†	0	0	180	4
Total for Certificate		426	282	180	41.52‡

* Online course

† Onsite course

‡ 888 clock hours

Approximate time to complete the certificate program: 42 weeks (not including breaks)