DENTAL ASSISTING

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About This Program

Dental assistants perform a wide range of duties in dental care facilities from patient care to office tasks and laboratory procedures[1]. Students become skillful at taking X-rays and impressions, as well as performing coronal polishing and assisting with an array of dental procedures.

Careers in Dental Assisting[2]

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. Their career path can lead to employment in a variety of health care environments such as:

- Dental offices
- Physician's offices
- Government

Knowledge and Skills

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

- Complete all dental assisting duties competently for a broad scope of dental specialties in a professional setting.
- Utilize infection control and safe practice techniques in a variety of clinical settings.
- Establish optimum Radiation Health and Safety practices to ensure high quality diagnostic images.

General Education Coursework

Students in our certificate programs complete technical coursework and participate in a career development seminar.

Technical Coursework

The program covers patient preparation, charting, administrative duties, and office administrative functions. Students gain hands-on experience during lab class sessions and clinical experience.. Carrington College uses technologies and equipment to support the learning process such as: dental chairs, dental stools, x-ray machines, air-water syringe, stethoscope, training manikin, manual blood pressure machine, teeth models, dental materials and additional supplies.

Carrington College's academic catalog, available at **carrington.edu/catalog**, provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.

[1]Individuals seeking to enter this career field may be subject to screenings such as, but not limited to, criminal background checks and drug/alcohol testing prior to externship, to attain occupational licensure/certification or employment, and throughout their careers.

[2]Source: https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-assistants.htm#tab-3

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Dental Assisting Blended Certificate Requirements

TECHNICAL COURSES		LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	EXTERN HOURS	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
DA111	Introduction to Dental Assisting	45	60	0	5
DA121	Dental Anatomy and Delivering Restorative Care	45	60	0	5
DA131	Patient Management Laboratory Applications	45	60	0	5
DA141	Dental Radiology Principles and Practices	45	60	0	5
DA151	Dental Specialties	45	60	0	5
DA161	Preventative Clinical Procedures	45	60	0	5
DA195	Dental Assisting Capstone	30	0	0	2
DA191	Dental Assisting Externship	0	0	180	4
TOTAL FOR CERTIFICATE		**300**	**360**	**180**	**36**

Approximate time to complete certificate program: 36 weeks (not including breaks)

Accreditation and Disclosures

Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, 428 J Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814, (415) 506-0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at **accjc.org**.

For comprehensive information on Carrington College's accreditation and approvals, visit **carrington.edu/accreditation.**

Visit **carrington.edu/sci** for important information on program outcomes.

Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. For the most updated information, visit **carrington.edu.**