

Dental Assisting



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Skills recommended to be successful in this career pathway:

HEALTH SCIENCE CAREER CLUSTER

ESSENTIAL SKILLS



Oral communication



Written communication



Physical strength/mobility



Safety awareness



Visual acuity/depth perception



Eye/hand/arm coordination/manual dexterity

ACADEMIC SKILLS



APPLIED MATHEMATICS

- Use/understand ratios
- Convert units of measure
- Understand normal/abnormal ranges



WORKPLACE DOCUMENTS

- Read/use SDS sheets
- Understand/use dental terminology
- Use patient records and billing information



GRAPHIC LITERACY

- Interpret patient charts
- Read/use digital X-ray images
- Understand tooth morphology

DID YOU KNOW STUDENTS IN THIS PROGRAM...

- * Get hands-on experience learning dental assisting practices in lab
- * Deliver courteous and professional care to patients
- * Follow all HIPAA patient protection standards and OSHA health safety practices
- * Routinely communicate and use medical terminology
- * Work with advanced dental technology
- * Complete periodontal charts and other medical records
- * Use fine-motor skills and frequently work standing up
- * Help calm patients who are anxious about dental visits
- * Work with team of other dental professionals
- * Understand infection control and sterilization



COURSES



**YEAR
1**

- Oral Diagnosis and Treatment Planning
- Dental Technology
- Medical and Dental Office Technology



**YEAR
2**

- Dental Radiography
- Health Science Capstone



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IS THIS YOU?



Find your work personality type with this free assessment at truity.com:



Holland's Model of Occupational Themes – graphic courtesy of the University of Tennessee.

Conventional | Realistic

Conventional personality types are “organizers;” they like predictability, structure, rules and order. They focus on detail and work in an organized and methodical manner to get things done on time with high standards. Organizers with a secondary personality type of “realistic” like to work in practical and organized environments where they can work with their hands.

Key strengths that lead to success in this career path

- ✓ Attention to detail
- ✓ Dependability
- ✓ Self-control
- ✓ Stress tolerance
- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Adaptability/flexibility

WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ Job shadowing
- ▶ Job placement
- ▶ Guest speakers
- ▶ Externships
- ▶ HOSA – Future Health Professionals competitions

CAREER & COLLEGE READY

Career Credentials

- CODA Ohio Certified Dental Assistant
- Ohio State Dental Board – Dental Assistant Radiographer
- OSHA 10 – Healthcare
- CPR/First Aid



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CAREER PATHWAYS

After earning credentials, get more education and experience to



- ▶▶ Dental receptionist
- ▶▶ Dental assistant
- ▶▶ Specialty dental assistant
- ▶▶ Lab technologist
- ▶▶ Dental hygienist
- ▶▶ Expanded function dental hygienist
- ▶▶ Dentist
- ▶▶ Dental sales rep



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Entry-level pay range in Ohio

\$14 - 30
per hour



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