



DENTAL ASSISTING

This course provides classroom and clinical instruction to prepare students for employment as a chair-side dental assistant. Instruction includes dental radiology, infection control, and sterilization and disinfecting procedures with an emphasis on OSHA requirements. Students will also learn to take impressions of teeth, chart oral conditions, and identify dental instruments and equipment. Preventative dental health, dental terminology, and dental anatomy will also be covered in the program.

Enrollment Prerequisites

- Proof of High School Diploma/GED required. Foreign transcripts must be translated for U.S. equivalency by an official U.S. service.
- Successful completion of a basic-skills assessment required prior to enrollment. Current government issued photo ID must be presented at time of assessment.
- Social Security Card or Right to Work document

Required Immunizations/Health Clearances (Fees vary based on individual medical coverage.)

- **TB Test:** Proof of TB clearance must be maintained throughout the length of the program. Negative chest x-ray required if skin test is positive.
- **Hepatitis B Vaccine:** First injection required within first week of program. Second and third injection per recommended vaccine schedule. Titer may be required.

Program Requirements

- Maintain a minimum 76% grade average and a 93% attendance rate.
- Community site training is a required component of this program. Transportation to and from site is at student's expense.
- Student must provide clinical patients to satisfy California Dental Board requirements for radiation safety license. Patient screening fees may apply, and are paid directly to the providing dentist.
- Must perform the physical and sensory demand of dental assisting occupations as specified in the course syllabus.

Required Materials

- Textbooks (refer to textbook information for details).
- Designated uniform and white shoes.
- USB flash drive and plastic page protectors.
- Notebook, pens, pencils, binder, etc.





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Textbook Information

BOOK TITLE	PUBLISHER	ISBN#
<i>Purchased as a package or bundle</i>		
Modern Dental Assisting Textbook and Workbook, 11 th Edition Dental Instruments: A Pocket Guide, 4 th Edition	Elsevier	9780323239929
<i>Purchased individually</i>		
Modern Dental Assisting Textbook, 11 th Edition	Elsevier	9781455774517
Modern Dental Assisting Workbook, 11 th Edition *Must Be New*	Elsevier	9781455774548
Dental Instruments: A Pocket Guide, 5 th Edition	Elsevier	9780323185943

Where would I work?

- General dentistry and dental specialty offices.
- Hospital dental facilities.
- Dental supply and lab companies.
- Dental schools.
- County public health offices.
- Correctional facilities.
- Government dental facilities

What wages can I expect?

MEDIAN 2013 WAGES*		
	Hourly	Annually
California	\$17.08	\$35,516
Inland Empire	\$15.08	\$31,356

*Data based upon California Occupation Guides labor market info for Dental Assistants in California: www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov





DENTAL ASSISTING/RDA ELIGIBLE

This course is designed to prepare students for the licensing requirements, as defined by the California Dental Board, to become a Registered Dental Assistant. Instruction includes pre-clinical sciences, preventive dentistry, dental radiology and infection control. Students will also learn sterilization and disinfecting procedures, with an emphasis on OSHA requirements, basic and advanced chair side assisting techniques, including coronal polishing, and charting. Dental practice management and dental specialties will also be covered in this program. Students who successfully complete this class are eligible to sit for the California RDA exam.

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<i>Additional required books</i>		
Mosby's Dental Dictionary, 3 rd Edition	Elsevier	9780323100120
California RDA Law and Ethics Examination Prep Book, 3 rd Edition	FADE	9781467557252
California RDA Written Examination Prep Book, 2 nd Edition	FADE	9781467557269

RDA Licensing Requirements *(Additional fees, NOT included in program fee.)*

- Current government issued photo ID and Social Security card.
- Submit RDA application with fees.
- Live Scan fingerprinting.
- Rental kit for RDA practical exam.

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