DENTAL ASSISTING

SALARY AND OUTLOOK
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WORK ENVIRONMENT*
• Assist dentists in the delivery of dental treatment to patients
• Function as an integral member of the dental team while performing chair-side and related office and laboratory procedures

POSSIBLE JOB TITLES OR EMPLOYERS
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What people in this career field do*
• Perform extra/intraoral inspection
• Perform dental charting
• Perform coronal polishings
• Apply dental sealants and fluoride treatments
• Take and process dental X-rays
• Maintain infection prevention standards for the dental office
• Fabricate preliminary impressions, study models, bleaching trays and provisional crowns
• Perform business operating duties including financial management of the dental office

Pros and cons of this career field*
• Good salary with benefits
• Healthy job market
• More full-time positions available than part-time
• Good first or second career
• Consists of a one-year curriculum

Necessary abilities and qualities*
• Ability to interact and communicate with patients from a variety of backgrounds
• Able to physically move within and between treatment rooms and other small spaces
• Able to provide safe and effective dental care using gross and fine motor skills
• Strong auditory and visual abilities to observe, monitor and assess patients’ dental needs

Education/credential requirements for career
• Diploma in Dental Assisting from an accredited program of the American Dental Association (ADA)
• NC DA II

### PROGRAM INFORMATION
- www.cpcc.edu/health_sciences
- **Is this a fully online program?** No
- **Primary campus for this program:** Harris Campus

### SCHOOLS OFFERING 2+2 PROGRAMS FOR BACHELOR’S DEGREE
- **N/A**
- **However:**
  - DEN courses can be used toward baccalaureate degree programs in several colleges
  - Diploma level Dental Assisting students can enter the Bachelor of Health Services Management Program at Cabarrus College of Health Sciences

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### Special admissions requirements for program:
- You must be a high school graduate or have completed a GED
- You must meet with an academic advisor to determine if placement tests are required
- You must demonstrate competence in basic computer skills by completing CIS 110 or 111 or proficiency testing
- You must be certified in CPR before beginning dental coursework
- You must complete a CPCC application as well as a Dental Assisting application and submit it on or before April 30 each year

### Sample course requirements:
- Orofacial Anatomy
- Preclinical Procedures
- Infection / Hazard Control
- Dental Radiology
- Dental Materials
- Medical Emergencies
- Pharmacology
- Dental Practice Management
- Pathology
- Dental Health Education

### Related degrees and careers:
- Occupational therapy assistant
- Medical assistant

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