

a great
place
to start for



DENTAL ASSISTING

The Dental Assisting Program offer two flexible scheduling options and admits students twice a year in August and January

The program learning components are competency based and include a combination of theory classes, laboratory classes, operator skills practice, and clinical externships. Students must master all of the tasks to complete the program successfully. This program prepares students to assist the dentist at the chair side in the dental operatory, perform reception and clerical functions, and selected laboratory work. In addition, the student will gain skills required for direct patient care such as taking x-rays and impressions, preventive education, and nutritional counseling.

Note: students must be age 18 before enrolling in DEA 125 & DEA 131, as directed by the Colorado Board of Dental Examiners Rule & Regulations. Simulated clinical situations are practiced prior to actual clinical assignments. Clinical assignments will include work in a variety of private dental offices and clinics.

Accreditation

The Commission on Dental Accreditation has determined the Dental Assisting program's accreditation status to be "approved without reporting requirements". Upon successful completion, the student will qualify to take the Dental Assisting National Board Exam.

The following certificate may be earned:

Dental Assisting

Certificate Length

Full-time students will complete in 2 semesters; Part-time students will complete in 3 semesters; Second year students are required to attend full-time.

Class hours

7:50-10:40 am, M, T, W, Th, F

AND

12:05-2:55 pm, M, T, W, Th, F

All classes are offered morning, afternoon or all day. Part-time offered PM only in Fall; AM only in the spring.



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Cost and information revised **September 2021**

Estimated Cost

Tuition**/Credit Hour Fee:

Option 1:

Full-day enrollment

Semester 1: \$3,120.00(Tuition)	Semester 2: \$2,860.00(Tuition)
<u>\$280.00(Credit Hour Fee)</u>	<u>\$270.00(Credit Hour Fee)</u>
\$3,410.00	\$3,130.00

Option 2:

Half-day enrollment

Full-day enrollment

Semester 1&2: \$3,120.00(Tuition)	Semester 3: \$2,860.00(Tuition)
<u>\$280.00(Credit Hour Fee)</u>	<u>\$270.00(Credit Hour Fee)</u>
\$3,410.00	\$3,130.00

Clinical Charges: \$500.00 (2nd semester)

Program Charges: \$500.00/semester*

Student ID: \$10.00/yearly

CTSO Charge: \$20.00/yearly

Dental Books & Supplies: \$357 (plus tax)

Heart Code BLS CPR/AED –Hands-on: \$20.00 (2nd semester)

Heart Code CPR Online Certification –Course: \$28.50 (plus tax)

Mandatory costs for program, but to be paid for off campus:

Safety Glasses: \$5.00

Health Exam: \$100.00-\$150.00

Hepatitis Vaccine: \$240.00

Health Provider CPR/AED Online Exam: \$28.50

Uniforms and Lab Coats: \$150.00 (approx)

ADAA Student Membership: \$40.00

Estimated Total:

Dental (FULL-Day): \$8,447.00(plus tax)

Dental (HALF-Day): \$8,447.00 (plus tax)

Optional Costs:

Heart Code BLS Course Charge –Supplies: \$25.00

The following three exams are optional professional development, but are required as part of DANB to become a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)

Radiation Health & Safety Exam: \$150.00

Infection Control Exam: \$150.00

General Chairside Exam: \$175.00

*Students will be charged a program fee each semester they attend**

*Based on Colorado Resident In-state tuition***

Dental Assisting Certificate

Certificate length: 3 Semesters

Courses required for this certificate:

DEA 102 Principles of Clinical Practices
DEA 104 Specialties in Dentistry
DEA 111 Dental Office Management
DEA 120 Introduction to Dental Practices
DEA 121 Dental Science I
DEA 122 Dental Science II
DEA 123 Dental Materials I
DEA 126 Infection Control
DEA 127 Dental Science III
DEA 132 Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office
DEA 134 Prevention and Nutrition in Dentistry
DEA 124 Dental Materials II
DEA 180 Clinical Internship
DEA 125 Dental Radiography
DEA 131 Advanced Dental Radiography
DEA 181 Internship I: Dental
DEA 182 Clinical Internship II and Seminar

Dental Assisting Certificate

Total: Clock Hours: 1230 **Credit:** 46

Additional costs may apply. All books, kits & supply costs are estimated. Cost, information, and classes are subject to change at any time. Books, kits, and other on campus supply purchases are non-refundable.

This certificate is eligible for Financial Aid. You may begin the Financial Aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA) at www.FAFSA.ed.gov. If you have further questions, please call (303)344-4910, ext 27797.

Career Opportunities: What's your next job?

Health occupations careers are secure even in poor economic times. Upon completion of the program, you can be employed as a chairside assistant, x-ray assistant, lab assistant and front office business assistant.

Work Environment

People in Dental Assisting work in private dental practices, both general and specialized areas, in private and public dental clinics, dental x-ray clinics and dental labs.

Skills Acquired

- Critical Thinking
- Decision Making
- Problem Solving
- People Skills
- Communication Skills
- Chairside Procedure Skills
- Lab Skills
- X-ray Skills

Salary Range: \$14.00-\$15.00/hour (entry-level)

Careers

Chairside Dental Assistant
(both general and specialized offices)
Front Office Management
X-ray Assistant
Lab Assistant

Further Your Education to Become...

Expanded Duty Dental Assistant
Dental Hygienist
General Dentist
Specialized Dentist

Pickens Technical College students can now earn a certificate or an Associate Degree through all cooperating Colorado Community Colleges, authorized by the CCCS (Colorado Community College System). Check with the individual college for updates and/or degree requirement modifications.

