

Dental Assisting

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CWI's state-of-the-art Dental Assisting facility is located in the Ada County Campus Quail Building!

Do you enjoy working with people, have an eye for detail, and want to improve the quality of life for others? If so, Dental Assisting may be the career for you. As a Dental Assistant, you will have the opportunity to interact with people on a daily basis as you support dentists with various types of patient care, office duties, and laboratory work. Training can be completed in just 11 months (contingent on completing clinical hours).

WHAT IF you had a fulfilling career as a Dental Assistant where your influence and expertise positively affected patient lives on a daily basis?

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN TO DO

- Assist in chair-side duties—pass instruments and medication
- Maintain treatment rooms and assist in dental-care delivery
- Take and process x-rays
- Sterilize and maintain instruments
- Pour models of teeth
- Prepare dental materials and mix restorative materials
- Arrange appointments
- Manage the dental office and perform bookkeeping
- Promote oral hygiene and public health
- Understand and use dental terminology
- Communicate professionally, both in person and in writing

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job outlook for Dental Assistants is expected to increase up to 18% between the years 2014–2024. The national median annual salary for dental assistants in 2015 was \$35,980.

Graduates are eligible to take the certification exam given by the Dental Assisting National Board and the five Idaho Expanded Function Exams.

The Dental Assisting program officially starts once a year in the fall semester. However, there is a “soft start” option for our spring semester. Our “soft start” option allows you to *ease* into the program by taking DENT 108 while continuing to complete your required general education

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courses (COMM 101 and/or ENGL 101, GEM 3 [Mathematical Ways of Knowing], & PSYC 101).

We encourage you to submit your Dental Assisting application at any time throughout the year. Once your application packet is reviewed, one of our instructors will contact you and discuss your next steps.

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Dental Assisting - Associates of Applied Science Degree,
24 Months

Delivery Formats: In-Person

CAREER INFORMATION

Dental assisting is a rewarding career that can offer a great deal of personal satisfaction and fulfillment. Entry-level positions include chair-side assistant, front office assistant, specialty assistant, and expanded function assistant. For those who invest energy and effort into their roles as dental assistants, there are excellent opportunities for advancement.

LOCATIONS

Ada County Campus Quail Building

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