

About Dental Assistants...

Dental Assistants manage the front office, provide patient comfort, and perform a wide variety of tasks, ranging from handing instruments and materials to dentists to keeping patients' mouths dry and clear by using suction or other devices. Assistants sterilize and disinfect instruments and equipment, prepare trays of instruments for dental procedures, and instruct patients on postoperative and general oral health care.



Some dental assistants prepare materials for impressions and restorations, take dental x rays, and process x-ray film as directed by a dentist. They also may remove sutures, apply topical anesthetics to gums or cavity-preventing agents to teeth, remove excess cement used in the filling process, and place rubber dams on the teeth to isolate them for individual treatment.

Those with laboratory duties make casts of the teeth and mouth from impressions, clean and polish removable appliances, and make temporary crowns. Dental assistants with office duties schedule and confirm appointments, receive patients, keep treatment records, send bills, receive payments, and order dental supplies and materials

Dental Assistant Training at Wright College



In the Wright Dental Assistant program students will learn how to manage the medical office, schedule appointments, update patient records, oral anatomy, infection control, and other chair side basics.

The Dental Assistant program at Wright College provides students a comprehensive and varied education; composed of both classroom and hands on activities designed to provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary for them to excel as they enter the work force. Many students choose to use the program as a stepping-stone to a Dental Hygienist Program, or Dentistry College.

After successful completion of classroom courses and theory dental assistant students are assigned to complete a 60-hour internship at a dental office or clinic where they can apply their knowledge and skills in a real work environment.

Job Outlook

The job outlook for dental assistants is excellent - employment in this field is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through 2014. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that it will be the third fastest growing occupation for which a degree is not required.



Course Schedule

The Wright College Dental Assistant program is 2-3 terms in duration.

- Medical Terminology
- Communications for Healthcare
- Law & Ethics for Medical Careers
- Heartsaver CPR
- Dental Assistant Part I
- Dental Assistant Part II
- Dental Assistant Part III



Entrance Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Wright College Dental Assistant program students must:

Show eligibility for Reading 125 or higher on a qualifying exam OR have passed college level English with a grade of "C" or better

Tuition and Fees

Dental Assistant student expenses include: tuition and books.



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