

DENTAL ASSISTING

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TRAINING STUDENTS FOR ENTRY-LEVEL POSITIONS SUCH AS:

- Dental Assistant
- Dental Office Receptionist
- Sterilization Assistant
- Radiology Technician



BENEFITS OF THIS CLASS:

- Opportunity to achieve CA State Radiation Safety Certificate
- 30 high school credits earned per year
- Equivalency credits in English, math, or science may be available
- Opportunity to work as an intern in a dental office at the completion of classroom training
- Training which will prepare you for a job you can have while you continue future schooling, or as a full-time permanent job in the dental field



IN THIS CLASS, STUDENTS LEARN:

- How to take, process, and mount both standard and digital x-rays
- How to take impressions
- How to pour and trim study models
- How to seat patients and set up trays
- How to sterilize instruments to OSHA standards
- How to interact with other students and work in teams
- How to work with a dentist, utilizing four-handed dentistry techniques
- Make bleaching trays
- Employability skills
- Job preparation
- Resume writing

UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CLASS, STUDENTS RECEIVE:

- Certificate of Achievement in Dental Assisting
- CA State Radiation Safety Certificate
- Students that earn an A or B will receive 3.5 units of college credit.
- Job preparation (readiness) and job placement assistance.



JOB MARKET INFORMATION:

There is quite a demand for Dental Assistants, both at entry-level and as skills and experience advance. Assistants progress in the occupation becoming a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA), Registered Dental Assistant Extended Function (RDAEF), hygienist, lab technician, dentist, and even possibly a teacher.

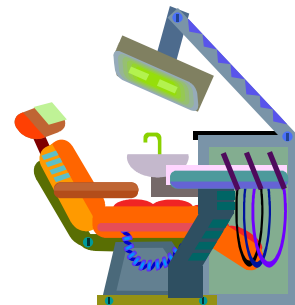
Dental assistants start at approximately \$15 per hour. Salary advances as experience advances.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTORS:

Michelle Sugden is a Registered Dental Assistant. She has worked as a Chairside Dental Assistant since 1985 and has been teaching Dental Assisting at CCOC since 1996.

Mrs. Sugden enjoys her students and builds close bonds with them as she shares her vast knowledge and experience.

Gina Fleming is a Registered Dental Assistant Extended Function. She has worked for 14 years as a Chairside Dental Assistant. She has been teaching Dental Assisting at CCOC since 2001, and is a CCOC alumna.



School-to-Career Pathway

