

a great  
**place**  
to start for



# DENTAL ASSISTING

The Dental Assisting Program is a three semester program, 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, operatory 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.

## Estimated Cost

### Tuition\*\*/Credit Hour Fee:

*Based off full-time enrollment*

<b>Semester 1:</b> \$2,766.00(Tuition)	<b>Semester 2:</b> \$2,582.00(Tuition)
<u>    \$280.00(Credit Hour Fee)</u>	<u>    \$270.00(Credit Hour Fee)</u>
\$3,046.00	\$2,852.00

**Clinical Charges:** \$500.00

**Program Charges:** \$500.00/semester\*

**Student ID:** \$10.00/yearly

**CTSO Charge:** \$20.00/yearly

**CPR Skills Test:** \$20.00

**Books:** \$301.00 (approx) (plus tax) - book prices are subject to change

### 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

*Exam & Vaccine arranged with private physician*

**Uniforms and Lab Coats:** \$150.00 (approx)

**ADAA Student Membership:** \$40.00

### Estimated Total:

**Dental Assisting Certificate:** \$8,362.00 (plus tax)

*Students will be required to pay the program charge each semester they attend\**

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

### Optional Costs:

The following three exams are required 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\*\**



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Cost and information revised January 2019 and subject to change

## 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 Clinical Internship I

DEA 182 Clinical Internship II and Seminar

### Dental Assisting Certificate

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

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

*Additional costs may apply. All books, kits & supply costs are estimated. Please contact our Advising Department (303)344-4910, ext 27909 or ext 27935..*

## 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 Aquired

- 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.*

