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TRAIN FOR A CAREER IN

Dental Assisting

Diploma Program





➤ Program Outline

Dental Assistants are critical members of the dental office team. Dentists rely on their assistants to perform a wide range of patient, clinical, and laboratory procedures including X-rays, dental impressions, and coronal polishing.

Dental Assistants are often the face of the office, and work closely with patients to help them feel comfortable, teach them proper oral healthcare, and prepare them for procedures. Dental Assistants can work in a number of settings beyond a dentist office, such as public health facilities, hospital dental departments, dental suppliers, and orthodontists' offices.

Our Dental Assisting program prepares you for both Coronal Polish Certification and Pit and Fissure Certification. In addition, we'll help you prepare for your California Radiation Safety Certification (limited to X-ray) and your Registered Dental Assistant practical and written examinations. Completion of the program is acknowledged by the awarding of a diploma.

Program Requirements

LOCATION	Los Angeles, Orange County, and Ontario Campuses
DURATION	Approximately 10 months
ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS	<p>Each program has entrance requirements, including an entrance exam. Some of the admissions requirements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School diploma or equivalency • All applicants must take and pass entrance exams before admission • Must be at least 18 or have a parent or guardian's signature <p>Be sure to consult with an Admissions Advisor to get all the information on admission into the Dental Assisting program</p>
CAREER OPTIONS	<p>Here is a brief listing of some of the industry organizations and medical offices that have hired ACC graduates:</p> <p>All Children's Dental, Beverly Hills Institute of Dental Esthetics, California Dental Group of Riverside, Golden State Dental, Pacific Dental Clinic, SmileCare Dental, United Dental Group, USC School of Dentistry, West Coast Dental, and Western Dental Center</p>

Module Descriptions

The program is divided into eight modules and an externship. Students must complete all eight modules. You may begin with any module without the prerequisite of another module. In the classroom and in lab settings, Dental Assisting students will use the equipment, materials, and instruments comparable to those used in an actual dental facility. You must also complete a 160-hour externship. Successful completion of the Dental Assisting program is acknowledged by the awarding of a diploma.

Module Number	Module Title	Clock Hours	Quarter Credits
DA-A	Fundamentals of Dental Assisting	80	5.5
DA-B	Science of Dentistry	80	5.5
DA-C	Restorative Dentistry/Pharmacology	80	5.5
DA-D	Laboratory Procedures/Prosthodontics	80	5.5
DA-E	Pediatric Dentistry/Orthodontics	80	5.5
DA-F	CPR/Preventive Dentistry	80	5.5
DA-G	Endodontics/Radiography	80	5.5
DA-H	Oral Surgery/Anesthetics	80	6.0
DA-EXT1	Externship I	80	2.5
DA-EXT2	Externship II	80	2.5
Program Total		800	49.5

DA-A Fundamentals of Dental Assisting

This module is designed to introduce the student to the dental health team; ethics, jurisprudence, and expected levels of professionalism will also be addressed. The anatomy and physiology of the head and neck as it relates to the practice of dentistry is included. Use and care of dental equipment and the operatory are emphasized. This module will also introduce the student to chart dental caries and restorations on both geometrical and anatomical charts. Infection control will be reviewed and practiced.

DA-B Science of Dentistry

This module is designed to introduce the student to the basic concepts and principles of microbiology as it pertains to dentistry. Special emphasis will be placed on the proper methods and ramifications of infection control issues including OSHA regulations and the disease transmission process. Periodontics theory and practice will be addressed. Infection control will be reviewed and practiced.

DA-C Restorative Dentistry/Pharmacology

This module is designed to introduce the student to various materials and instrumentation. The student will be exposed to the use and care of the Caries Detection Device. Pharmacology and drugs as they relate to dentistry will also be discussed. Infection control will be reviewed and practiced.

DA-D Laboratory Procedures/Prosthodontics

This module will address cultural differences and issues of diversity in the workplace. Students will study concepts related to cultural values and language diversity, as well as analyze programs and procedures for meeting the needs of diverse populations. Students will leave this module with an understanding of the various facets of multiculturalism, diversity issues, and various methods of preparing healthcare personnel to address diversity issues. The student will be exposed to, and practice with, a variety of impression materials as well as producing primary impressions. Theory and practice of permanent and removable prosthodontics will also be presented. Infection control will be reviewed and practiced.

DA-E Pediatric Dentistry/Orthodontics

This module emphasizes both the preventive and restorative techniques in pediatric/operative dentistry. Theory and practice in orthodontics will be introduced. Infection control will be reviewed and practiced.

DA-F CPR/Preventive Dentistry

This module is designed to give the student exposure to the principles and practices of preventing and controlling dental disease with emphasis on nutrition and plaque control. The student will receive basic training in standard first aid and in recognizing and dealing with medical emergencies. Exposure to sealant materials in the field of preventive dentistry will also be discussed. Infection control will be reviewed and practiced.

DA-G Endodontics/Radiography

Basic principles of dental radiology including theory and techniques will be presented. Emphasis will be placed on operation of the x-ray equipment, safety practices, mounting, and evaluation of dental films. Basic principles of head and neck anatomy, as well as radiographic anatomical landmarks, will be covered. Once the student has fulfilled the necessary program requirements, she/he will receive a state certificate to perform x-rays in the dental office. The specialty of Endodontics will be explored. Infection control will be reviewed and practiced.

DA-H Oral Surgery/Anesthetics

This module is designed to introduce the student to surgical procedures performed in dentistry. The student will also be exposed to the various methods and techniques of anesthesia. Infection control will be reviewed and practiced.

DA-EXT1 and DA-EXT2 Externship I and Externship II

The externship courses give students the opportunity to demonstrate and reinforce the knowledge and skills presented and practiced throughout the training program. Externs work under the direct supervision of qualified personnel at the externship site and under general supervision of the College staff. Externs are evaluated by supervisory personnel and the evaluations are placed in the students' permanent record. Dental students must complete their externship training to fulfill program requirements.

Prerequisites: DA-A, DA-B, DA-C, DA-D, DA-E, DA-F, DA-G, DA-H

Dental Assisting

Accreditation

ACC is institutionally accredited by the **Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES)**.

ABHES: 7777 Leesburg Pike, Suite 314N, Falls Church, VA 22043 / Phone (703) 917-9503 / Fax (703) 917-4109 / www.abhes.org

The Dental Assisting programs in Los Angeles, Orange County, and Ontario are approved by the **Dental Board of California**. Dental Board of California: 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550 Sacramento, CA 95815 / Phone (916) 263-2300 / Fax (916) 263-2140 / www.dbc.ca.gov

Campus Locations	Orange County	Ontario	Los Angeles
ACCREDITING BUREAU OF HEALTH EDUCATION SCHOOLS (ABHES)			
Retention Rates			
Based on the calculation required by ACC's accrediting body, ABHES. ABHES defines retention rate as the number of graduates plus students who enrolled as of June 30, 2018 divided by the number of students who were in school from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 and were still enrolled as of July 1, 2017 plus new starts during the reporting period and students who reentered between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.	91%	84%	90%
Placement Rates			
Based on the calculation required by ACC's accrediting body, ABHES. ABHES defines placement rates as the number of graduates who complete the program during the reporting period (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018) who are graduates who were available for employment and found a job in their field of training.	90%	86%	90%
CALIFORNIA BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (BPPE)			
On-time Completion Rates			
The number of students who completed the program within 100% of the published program length within 2017 divided by the number of students who began the program who were scheduled to complete the program within 100% of the published program length within 2017 and excludes all students who canceled during the cancellation period, minus the number of students who have died, been incarcerated, or been called to active military duty.	51%	46%	47%
Placement Rates			
The number of 2017 graduates gainfully employed in the field divided by the number of graduates available for employment. Graduates employed in the field means graduates who beginning within six months after a student completes the applicable educational program are gainfully employed, whose employment has been reported, and for whom the institution has documented verification of 35 days employment. For occupations for which the state requires passing an examination, the six months' period begins after the announcement of the examination results for the first examination available after a student completes an applicable educational program.	57%	70%	76%
Program Costs			
Includes tuition and fees for the entire program, and assumes normal completion. Tuition and Fees are subject to change.	\$18,875	\$18,875	\$18,875
O*Net Occupation Titles			
Dental Assistant, Registered Dental Assistant (RDA), Certified Dental Assistant (CDA), Orthodontic Assistant, Certified Registered Dental Assistant, Oral Surgery Assistant, Surgical Dental Assistant	SOC Code 31-9091.00	Links to Occupational Profiles on O*Net http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/31-9091.00	
To obtain a list of the objective sources of information used to substantiate the salary disclosures; please refer to the California Employment Development Department website at: http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/occguides/Search.asp . ACC cannot guarantee employment. Programs lengths vary by schedule and session.			



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