

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Think about your last dental visit. Your dentist likely worked closely with a dental assistant to perform your exam or procedures. Dental assistants are vital to the safe and efficient operation of the dental office—they assist the dentist in the treatment room, in the lab, and with business administration. If you're interested in a career that focuses on helping people and offers plenty of variety in the workday, dental assisting is a great choice for you.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Perform a variety of entry-level supportive dental procedures.
- Manage infection and hazard control.
- Produce diagnostic radiographs.
- Perform basic laboratory procedures.
- Demonstrate professional behaviors, ethics, and appearance.

ADMISSIONS STEPS

- Work with Admissions Specialist to:
 - Submit Application and \$30 Fee
 - Complete an Assessment for Placement (Accuplacer or ACT)
 - Submit Official Transcripts (High School and Other Colleges)
 - Complete Health Requirements
 - Complete Background Check and \$16 Processing Fee
 - Submit Healthcare Provider CPR or Professional Rescuer Certification
- Meet with Program Advisor to discuss program details
 - Submit Functional Abilities form

APPROXIMATE COSTS

- \$132 per credit (resident)
- \$198 per credit (out-of-state resident)
- Other fees vary by program (books, supplies, materials, tools, uniforms, health-related exams, etc.) Visit gotoltc.edu/payingforcollege for details.

PLACEMENT SCORES

Accuplacer/ACT scores will be used to develop your educational plan. Contact your program advisor/counselor for details.

SPECIAL NOTE

Graduates are eligible to apply for Radiography and Infection Control, two sections of the Dental Assistant National Board Exam. The Chairside section of the exam requires two years of chairside experience. Hepatitis B vaccination is strongly recommended.

CAREER & EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

LTC credits transfer to over 30 universities. For more information visit gotoltc.edu/transfer.

CONTACT

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| Catalog No. | Class Title | Credit(s) |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Term 1 | | |
| 31508302 | Dental Chairside | 5 |
| 31508304 | Dental and General Anatomy | 2 |
| 31508305 | Applied Dental Radiography | 2 |
| 31508306 | Dental Assistant Clinical | 3 |
| 31508307 | Dental Assistant Professionalism | 1 |
| 10508101 | Dental Health Safety | 1 |
| 10508113 | Dental Materials | 2 |
| | | TOTAL 16 |

Curriculum and Program Acceptance requirements are subject to change. Program start dates vary; check with your advisor/counselor for details.



APPLIED DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY ...prepares students to operate x-ray units and expose bitewing, periapical, extra oral, and occlusal radiographs. Emphasis is placed on protection against x-ray hazards. Students also process, mount, and evaluate radiographs for diagnostic value. In this course students demonstrate competency on a manikin. In addition, students expose bitewing radiographs on a peer and role-play as a patient. COREQUISITES: 31508304 Dental & General Anatomy, 31508307 Dental Professionalism and CONDITION: 305082 Dental Assistant admission requirements met

DENTAL & GENERAL ANATOMY ...prepares dental assistant students to apply fundamentals of general and dental anatomy to informed decision-making and to professional communication with colleagues and patients. COREQUISITES: 31508305 Applied Dental Radiography and 31508307 Dental Assistant Professionalism and CONDITION: 305082 Dental Assistant admission requirements met

DENTAL ASSISTANT CLINICAL ...allows students to apply the skills developed in Dental Health Safety, Dental Chairside, Dental Materials, Dental Radiography, and Professionalism in a clinical setting with patients. It emphasizes the integration of core abilities and basic communication skills. COREQUISITE: 10508113 Dental Mtls, 31508302 Dental Chairside, 31508304 Dent/Gen Anat, 31508305 Appl Dental Radio, 31508307 Dental Prof, 10508101 Dent Hlth Sfty, and CONDITION: 305082 Dental Asst admission requirements met

DENTAL ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL ...prepares dental assistant students for professional success in a dental practice or another dental health care environment. Students develop professional appearance and image. More importantly, they learn to work within the ethical guidelines and legal framework. In preparation for entering the work force, dental assistants customize or develop their portfolios and lay out an on-going professional development plan. COREQUISITES: 31508304 Dental & General Anatomy, 31508305 Applied Dental Radiography and CONDITION: 305082 Dental Assistant admission requirements met

DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ...prepares dental assistant students to chart oral cavity structures, dental pathology, and restorations; assist dentist with basic dental procedures including examinations, pain control, amalgam restoration, and cosmetic restoration. Students will also develop the ability to educate patients about preventative dentistry, brushing/flossing techniques, and dental procedures using lay terminology. Students will apply decoding strategies to the correct use and interpretation of dental terminology. COREQUISITE: 31508306 Dental Asst Clin, 31508304 DentGen Anat, 31508305 Appl Dent Radio, 31508307 Dental Prof, 10508101 Dental Hlth Sfty, 10508113 Dental Mtls and CONDITION: 305082 Dental Asst admissions requirements met

DENTAL HEALTH SAFETY ...prepares dental auxiliary students to respond proactively to dental emergencies, control infection, prevent disease, adhere to OSHA Standards, and safely manage hazardous materials. Students also take patient vital signs and collect patient medical/dental histories. CPR certification is a prerequisite; students will be required to show proof of certification before beginning the course. CONDITION: 305082 Dental Asst admission requirements met or 105081S Dental Hygiene admission requirements met

DENTAL MATERIALS ...prepares dental auxiliary students to handle and prepare dental materials such as liners, bases, cements, amalgam, resin restorative materials, gypsum products, and impression materials. They also learn to take alginate impressions on manikins and clean removable appliances. COREQUISITE: 10508101 Dental Health Safety and CONDITION: 305082 Dental Assistant admission requirements met or 105081S Dental Hygiene admission requirements met