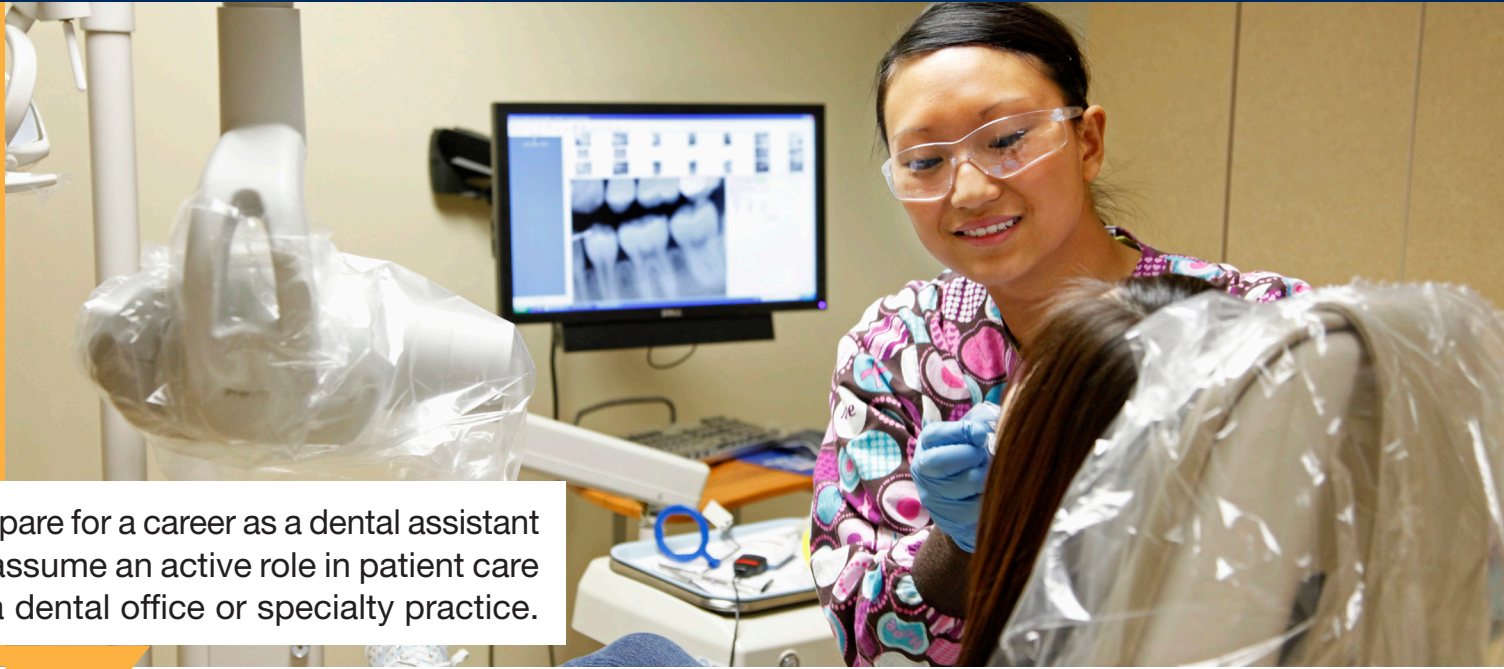




Dental Assisting



Prepare for a career as a dental assistant to assume an active role in patient care in a dental office or specialty practice.

Program

Dental Assisting students gain technical knowledge and manual skills necessary to enter the dental profession as a chair-side clinician, assisting with a variety of clinical functions, laboratory tasks and business office responsibilities. Classroom and hands-on training will prepare students to perform procedures such as exposing radiographs, placing pit and fissure sealants, taking impressions and managing patient records. In addition, labs, internships and service learning activities offer students real-life experiences and interactions with patients and dental health care professionals.

Career opportunities

Dental Assisting graduates enter a growing field of employment opportunities as the need for dental care continues to increase in the United States. Most assistants work with general dentists, although positions are also available with orthodontists, oral/maxillofacial surgeons and other dental specialists. Other employers include public health and government clinics, military dental services, dental schools, allied dental education programs, the retail and wholesale dental industry, and insurance and consulting companies. Dental practices often offer attractive compensation packages and excellent work schedules in a pleasant work environment.

Accreditation

The NTC Dental Assisting program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Graduates are eligible to write the Dental Assisting National Board Certification Exam and the Minnesota Dental Assisting State Licensure Exam. Upon successful completion of the exams, graduates are certified and licensed dental assistants.



Dental Assisting

The NTC advantage

Dental Assisting students gain valuable experience through service learning activities such as Give Kids A Smile and sealant clinics, which provide free dental care for underserved populations.

NTC Dental Assisting instructors maintain a strong professional network within the dental community across Minnesota and North Dakota.

Required courses

Students may complete a diploma or Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Dental Assisting. Diploma credits can be applied to the AAS degree at NTC, which requires 18 additional credits.

College readiness courses may be required in reading, writing and math based on performance on the Accuplacer assessment. Contact the Office of Admissions to schedule an assessment.



Dental Assisting, diploma, 45 credits

Course #	Course name	Credits
BIOL 1131	Nutrition	2
*COMM 1102	Applied Communications	3
HPER 1410	First Aid/CPR	1
DENT 1100	Biomaterials	3
DENT 1112	Dental Anatomy	2
DENT 1114	Dental Radiology	4
DENT 1120	Dental Pharmacology	2
DENT 1122	Dental Ethics & Jurisprudence	1
DENT 1130	Dental Practice Management	1
DNAS 1106	Biodental Science	3
DNAS 1112	Clinical Assisting I	4
DNAS 1126	Clinical Assisting II	4
DNAS 1132	Credentialing Exam Preparation	1
DNAS 1134	Clinical Affiliation	7
DNAS 1136	Advanced Functions	7

**Not required for an AAS degree.*

Dental Assisting, AAS, 60 credits

Requires all the courses needed to complete the diploma – with the exception of the Applied Communications course – plus an additional 15 credits, including six general education electives.

Course #	Course name	Credits
<u>One of either:</u>		
BIOL 2252	Anatomy & Physiology	3 or
BIOL 2221	Microbiology	3
<u>All of the following:</u>		
ENGL 1111	College Writing I	3
PSYC 1105	General Psychology	3
SPCH 1110	Intro to Public Speaking	3
	General education electives	6



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