

# Dental Assistant

*Dental assistants provide supporting and assisting services under the instruction and supervision of a dentist. Dentists rely greatly on the skill of a dental assistant as their "third hand" to perform safe and accurate work. Clinical duties include: helping to manage the dental office, preparing patients for treatment, passing the dentist the proper instruments, polishing teeth, charting patient treatment, exposing dental radiographs, sterilizing and disinfecting instruments, providing oral hygiene instructions, preparing dental materials, taking impressions and making casts of the teeth.*

## **Dental Assisting Program Goals:**

- Demonstrate an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a dental assistant including but not limited to collecting diagnostic data, infection control, radiographic procedures, restorative procedures, and laboratory procedures.
- Understand the ethical and legal parameters of the clinical practice and perform duties within these parameters.
- Utilize critical thinking skills and communicate effectively both verbally and in writing with team members and patients while staying in compliance with HIPAA regulations.
- Demonstrate professional behaviors consistent with a dental office including prioritizing, organizing and time management skills.
- Prepared to Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Exams

## **Admittance Requirements:**

CSI application, placement information, meet with program advisor.  
Applications are due by June 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

## **Pre-requisite Courses:**

- Communications or English
- Math 123 or higher
- Any Social Science (Preference of Sociology or Psychology)
- Medical Terminology
- Nutrition
- Biology 105: Human Structure & Function

## **Schedule:**

Fall start and Summer completion  
Full time, daytime courses available, M-F.  
Main Campus

## **Degrees/certificates:**

ITC: 11 Months

**Contact Health Sciences and Human Services for more information about applying for this program!**

Office phone: 208-732-6700; <http://hshs.csi.edu>

## **Advising Contact Information:**

CSI students: 208-732-6730

High School/Dual Credit Students: 208-732-6712

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