Dental Assisting

The Dental Assisting program prepares students to become members of the dental health care team. The course includes theory with demonstrations and classroom instruction. Students receive supervised experience performing procedures using study models, mannequins, and other simulated methods. Students receive three months of supervised experience in the clinical setting performing procedures on dental patients in a dental office.

The Dental Assisting program is accredited by the <u>Commission on Dental Accreditation</u> which allows graduates to be eligible to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board exam.

Program/Location	Length	Days	Time
Day Program/ Knoxville Campus	12 Months	Monday-Friday	8:00am—2:30 pm

Curriculum/Courses

DTA 0001	Worker Characteristic
DTA 1010	Professional Orientation
DTA 1020	Anatomy & Physiology
DTA 1030	Dental Anatomy
DTA 1040	Head & Neck
DTA 1050	Embryology & Histology
DTA 1060	Micro & Sterilization
DTA 1070	Pathology
DTA 1080	Oral Diagnosis
DTA 1090	Prevention & Nutrition
DTA 1100	Office Emergencies
DTA 1110	Pharmacology
DTA 1120	Operative I
DTA 1130	Psychology & Communication
DTA 0002	Worker Characteristic
DTA 2010	Dental Materials I
DTA 2020	Dental Materials II
DTA 2030	Radiology I
DTA 2040	Radiology II
DTA 2050	Operative II
DTA 2060	Operative III
DTA 2070	Ethics & Jurisprudence
DTA 2080	Prosthodontics

DTA 0003	Worker Characteristic
DTA 3010	Practice Management
DTA 3020	Clinical Externship
DTA 3030	Radiology III
DTA 3040	Endodontics
DTA 3050	Periodontics
DTA 3060	Orthodontics
DTA 3070	Oral Surgery
DTA 3080	Pedodontics

Completion Award		Required Hours
Dental Assistant	Diploma	1296

Typical Job Opportunities

Chairside Dental Assistant

Expanded Functions Dental Assistant

Surgical Dental Assistant

Business Office Personnel in Dental Office

Total Placement Rate 2017 = 83%

How to Apply to the

Dental Assisting Program

At TCAT Knoxville

General Admissions Requirements

- Complete the **Free Application For Federal Student Aid** (FAFSA) online – the website is www.fafsa.ed.gov and our school code is 004025
- Complete the **Application for Enrollment** form online at https://apply.tbr.edu/?tcat=knoxville
- Provide **official, sealed high school transcript** or equivalent
  IMPORTANT: If you have foreign transcripts you will need to provide an English translated version of your transcript and have your education evaluated through the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services. Please visit their website at www.naces.org for more information.

Dental Assisting Program Specific Admission:

- Student must be **18 years of age** by the start of class.
- Provide current **CPR** card certification from American Heart Association in BLS for Healthcare Providers which covers basic life support in infant, child, adult, choking and AED.
- Take and pass the **HESI Exam**. Exam is over Math and Reading Comprehension the cost is $34.00. Passing scores are 50 in math and 70 in reading Exam..
  ACT EXEMPTION – If you are under the age of 21 and have scored a 19 or above on BOTH the Reading and Math sections of the ACT (Not the composite score) you do not have to take the HESI. You must bring in your test results with a photo ID. A score of 19 or above in both sections is required.