

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 Commission on Dental Accreditation 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 0003	Worker Characteristic
DTA 1010	Professional Orientation	DTA 3010	Practice Management
DTA 1020	Anatomy & Physiology	DTA 3020	Clinical Externship
DTA 1030	Dental Anatomy	DTA 3030	Radiology III
DTA 1040	Head & Neck	DTA 3040	Endodontics
DTA 1050	Embryology & Histology	DTA 3050	Periodontics
DTA 1060	Micro & Sterilization	DTA 3060	Orthodontics
DTA 1070	Pathology	DTA 3070	Oral Surgery
DTA 1080	Oral Diagnosis	DTA 3080	Pedodontics

DTA	Course	Completion Award	Required Hours
DTA 1090	Prevention & Nutrition		
DTA 1100	Office Emergencies		
DTA 1110	Pharmacology	Dental Assistant	1296
DTA 1120	Operative I		
DTA 1130	Psychology & Communication		

DTA 0002	Worker Characteristic	Typical Job Opportunities Chairside Dental Assistant Expanded Functions Dental Assistant Surgical Dental Assistant Business Office Personnel in Dental Office
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	

Total Placement Rate 2017 = 83%

How to Apply

To complete admissions for the Dental Assisting program applicants must submit all general admissions requirements and Dental Assisting program specific requirements to be considered. Acceptance into this program is based on a first-come-first-serve system based on completion date of all documentation. Completion of admissions does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

General Admissions Requirements submitted to:

Student Services at 1100 Liberty Street, Knoxville TN 37919

- 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 www.tcatknoxville.edu and select APPLY NOW.
- 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 submitted to:

Judith Walker at 1100 Liberty Street, Knoxville TN 37919

- 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 covers Math and Reading Comprehension and the cost is \$34.00. Passing scores are 50 in math and 70 in reading exam.