

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	8:00 am—2:30 pm

*Clinical hours will be scheduled

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 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		

Completion Award

Required Hours

Dental Assistant	Diploma	1296
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Typical Job Opportunities

Chairside Dental Assistant
Expanded Functions Dental Assistant
Surgical Dental Assistant
Business Office Personnel in Dental Office

Completion Rate 2020: 89%

Placement Rate 2020: 93%

How to Apply

To complete admissions for the Dental Assisting program, applicants must submit all institutional general admissions requirements and Dental Assisting program specific requirements to be considered.

Admission to the Dental Assisting Program is highly competitive, and only a select number of students are enrolled each year. To qualify, an applicant must meet the minimum requirements of the HESI Admissions Assessment Test.

However, this does not guarantee admission.

Our Dental Assisting class will be selected from the highest scores on the HESI test.

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** for the Fall trimester.
- 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.
- Student must be **18 years of age** by the start of class.
- Proof of below immunizations:
 - o **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR):** 2 series immunization (2 shots) OR a titer showing immunization within the last year's time
 - o **Varicella:** 2 series immunizations (2 shots) OR a titer showing immunization to chickenpox within the last year's time
- 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.

Deadline

Fall 2021 Deadline

July 14, 2021