



Dental Assisting

The Dental Assisting program prepares students to become members of the dental health care team. The course includes didactic, laboratory, and clinical 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.

Upon completion of this CODA-accredited program, students will earn a diploma in Dental Assisting and be eligible to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board exams.

Students can earn an additional certificate as a Dental Sterilization Technician after successful completion of 432 hours and the DTA 1060 – Microbiology & Sterilization course in the first Trimester, awarded by TCATK.

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

*Clinical Externship hours will be scheduled between the hours of 8:00am—5:00pm

Curriculum/Courses	Completion Award	Required Hours
DTA 0001 Worker Characteristic	DTA 2060 Operative III	
DTA 1010 Professional Orientation	DTA 2070 Ethics & Jurisprudence	
DTA 1020 Anatomy & Physiology	DTA 2080 Prosthodontics	
DTA 1030 Dental Anatomy	DTA 0003 Worker Characteristic	
DTA 1040 Head & Neck	DTA 3010 Practice Management	
DTA 1050 Embryology & Histology	DTA 3020 Clinical Externship	
DTA 1060 Micro & Sterilization	DTA 3030 Radiology III	
DTA 1070 Pathology	DTA 3035 Dental Specialties	
DTA 1080 Oral Diagnosis		
DTA 1090 Prevention & Nutrition	Dental Sterilization Technician <i>Certificate</i>	432
DTA 1100 Office Emergencies	Dental Assisting <i>Diploma</i>	1296
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		

Typical Job Opportunities

- Chairside Dental Assistant
- Expanded Functions Dental Assistant
- Sterilization 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:
 - **Measles, Mumps, Rubella** (MMR): 2 series immunization (2 shots) OR a titer showing immunization within the last year's time
 - **Varicella:** 2 series immunizations (2 shots) OR a titer showing immunization to chickenpox within the last year's time
 - **Hepatitis B:** 3 series immunizations (3 shots) OR a titer showing immunization to HBV 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.
- Provide documentation for **Points System**.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fall 2022 Deadline

July 13, 2022

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POINTS SYSTEM BREAKDOWN

****PLEASE NOTE: Points are re-evaluated for each Class.****

YOU MUST SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION DEADLINE TO BE AWARDED POINTS.

- **HESI Scores** - Points will be calculated by adding the Math score to the Reading score. The sum of these two scores equal the total points awarded. Documentation of HESI scores must be submitted prior to the application deadline.

Minimum Passing Score for HESI Math	50
Minimum Passing Score for HESI Reading	70

- **Prior Coursework** - The following coursework can be awarded points by providing **official, sealed transcripts** of the completed courses from the high school (HS) and/or college to TCATK by the application deadline date so long as the courses were taken and completed **within the past 3 years**:

ELIGIBLE COURSE WORK	FINAL GRADE OF A OR B
HS Human Anatomy & Physiology I or II	5 points
HS Medical Terminology	5 points
College Human Anatomy & Physiology I or II	10 points
College Medical Terminology	10 points
College Microbiology	10 points

- **Information Sessions** - Applicants can be awarded **10 points** towards admissions for attending a Dental Assisting program Information Session at TCATK **within the last 12 months**. Information sessions are free to attend. Follow-up documentation of proof of attendance must be submitted prior to the application deadline to be awarded these points.

Information Session Dates 2021-2022 All sessions begin at 8:30am
February 16th, Wednesday April 12th, Tuesday June 14th, Tuesday November 2nd, Wednesday

Applicants are responsible for making certain all transcripts are included with the application packet by the published deadline. No faxed or photocopies of any kind will be considered. No documents received after deadline will be considered.