



TENNESSEE COLLEGE  
OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY  
KNOXVILLE

# Dental Assisting

12 Month Day Program (Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm)  
Offered at Main Campus

## About

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 exam.

## Curriculum and Courses

All full-time TCAT Knoxville programs include Workplace Characteristic courses each trimester.

- Professional Orientation
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Dental Anatomy
- Head & Neck
- Embryology & Histology
- Micro & Sterilization
- Pathology
- Oral Diagnosis
- Prevention & Nutrition
- Office Emergencies
- Pharmacology
- Operative I, II & III
- Psychology & Communication
- Dental Materials I & II
- Radiology I, II & III,
- Ethics & Jurisprudence,
- Prosthodontics
- Practice Management,
- Clinical Externship
- Dental Specialties

## Completion Awards

432 Dental Sterilization Technician Certificate

1296 Dental Assisting Diploma

Completion Rate (as of 2022)

95%

Placement Rate (as of 2022)

95%



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## How To Apply

- Complete TCAT Knoxville Application for Enrollment online at [www.tcatknoxville.edu](http://www.tcatknoxville.edu).
- Complete the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). Our school code is 004025.
- Complete the Allied Health admission requirements on the next page by the application deadline.

# ALLIED HEALTH ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

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All Allied Health applicants for Dental Assisting, Practical Nursing, and Surgical Technology must submit an application by visiting [www.tcatknoxville.edu/future-students/admissions](http://www.tcatknoxville.edu/future-students/admissions).

In addition to submitting an application, it is recommended that all applicants complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) to see if they are eligible for financial assistance to fund their education.

Applicants must submit all general admissions requirements, program specific requirements, and point system documentation, if required by program. All requirements must be received by the published deadline to be considered for acceptance. Completion of admissions does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

## Requirements for Allied Health Applicants

- All applicants must be 18 years old by the start of trimester.
- The following documentation, as well as any other program specific requirements, must be collected and submitted at the same time.
  - Immunizations
    - 2 Series of MMR or proof of immunity (titers)
    - 2 series of Varicella or proof of immunity (titers)
  - An official sealed High School Transcript or an equivalent.
  - An up-to-date CPR card from American Heart Association in Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers.
  - HESI Exam Scores (minimum scores provided on right)

### Required HESI Exam Scores by Program

**Dental Assisting:**  
50 Math, 70 Reading

**Practical Nursing:**  
70 Math, 70 Reading

**Surgical Technology:**  
70 Math, 70 Reading

## Additional Practical Nursing Requirements:

- **Declaration of Citizenship Form.** Must be completed and notarized.
- **Three Letters of Recommendation.**
- **Points System Documentation.** Provide documentation of the following certifications, coursework, or activities and earn points towards your application. *See instructions for this documentation on the next page.*

## Additional Surgical Tech Requirements:

- **Point System Documentation.** Provide documentation of the following certifications, coursework, or activities and earn points towards your application. *See instructions for this documentation on the next page.*

If you have taken the listed classes before applying to Surgical Technology and have scored an A or B in the class, these classes can be counted as points towards your application.