



Dental Assisting

8 Month Day Program (Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm)
Offered at Knoxville Regional Health Science Education Center

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 175 hours of supervised experience in the clinical setting performing procedures on dental patients in a dental office. In the second trimester, clinicals will occur Monday - Thursday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Completion Awards

- 432 Dental Sterilization Technician Certificate
- 864 Dental Assisting Certificate

TN Board of Dentistry Certifications

- Nitrous Oxide Monitoring Certificate
- Dental Radiology Certificate
- Sealant Application (after Externship)

Completion Rate (as of 2022)

95%

Placement Rate (as of 2022)

95%



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Curriculum and Courses

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

- Orientation & Communication
- Dental Sciences
- Microbiology & Sterilization
- Oral Health
- Health & Safety
- Operative I
- Dental Materials
- Ethics & Jurisprudence
- Operative II
- Clinical Externship
- Dental Radiology
- Dental Specialties

How To Apply

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

DENTAL ASSISTING ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

All Dental Assisting applicants must submit an application by visiting 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 to see if they are eligible for financial assistance to fund their education. **TCAT school code is 004025**

Applicants must submit all general admissions requirements, program specific requirements, and point system documentation. **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 Dental Assisting Applicants

- All applicants must be **18 years old** by the start of trimester and submit an active state-issued photo ID or driver's license
- The following documentation, as well as any other program specific requirements, must be collected and uploaded to the application **prior to the application deadline**.
- Provide current BLS card certification from the American Heart Association in **BLS for Healthcare Providers** which covers Basic Life Support in infant, child, adult, choking and AED.
- **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 *[if you have had the chickenpox, you must get a titers test done]*
 - **Hepatitis B:** 3 series immunizations (3 shots) OR a titer showing immunization within the last year's time OR proof of the series in progress. Last shot must be within 5 years or a booster is needed
- A copy of **high school transcript or its equivalent**, or a scanned copy of high school diploma.
- **Take and pass the HESI Exam.** Exam covers Math and Reading Comprehension and the cost is \$50.00. Minimum of 50 on the Math portion, and minimum of 70 on the Reading portion.
 - Applicants are responsible for submitting a copy of their HESI scores with their application because scores are not automatically linked with other application documents on the date of their exam.