

TCAT KNOXVILLE

# Dental Assisting

8 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 150 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 5:00pm.

## Curriculum and Courses

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

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

## Completion Awards

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| 432 | Dental Sterilization Technician Certificate |
| 864 | Dental Assisting Certificate |

**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**.
- ☐ 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.

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# 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.

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.
- The following documentation, as well as any other program specific requirements, must be collected and submitted at the same time.
- 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
    - Adult 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
- A copy of an official high school transcript or its equivalent, or a scanned copy of high school diploma.
- HESI Exam Scores. Minimum of 50 on the Math portion, and minimum of 70 on the Reading portion.

## Point System Documentation

Base points are calculated by adding together the scores of Math and Reading on the HESI exam.

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

# DENTAL ASSISTING POINTS SYSTEM FOR PROGRAM ENTRY

Please take careful note of the point system breakdown below. All documentation must be submitted **before** the application deadline to be awarded these points. To ensure accuracy, we ask that all documentation is received at once.

## 1) HESI Exam Scores

Students must meet the required pass scores to submit their HESI results for admissions. The score for the HESI Math portion must be 50 or above. The score for the HESI Reading portion must be 70 or above.

The number of points awarded is determined by adding together the HESI Math and Reading scores. The lowest number of points an applicant can be awarded is 120 points.

| Passing Scores | HESI Math | HESI Reading | |
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| **EXAMPLE STUDENT** | **50** | **70** | **120 points** |
| **YOUR EXAM SCORES** | | | |

## 2) Previous Higher Education Coursework

The following coursework must have been taken and completed within the past 3 years with a final grade of an A or a B in the course. Please provide an official, sealed transcript of the courses from the college and/or high school by the date of the application deadline.

| Course | Points Awarded for an A or B in the course |
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| High School or College Anatomy & Physiology | **10 points** |
| High School or College Medical Terminology | **10 points** |
| High School Dental Sciences | **10 points** |
| College Microbiology | **10 points** |