

# Dental Careers



- ◆ **Location:** WANIC at LWTech
- ◆ **3 High School Credits:** CTE (2.0), Lab Science (1.0)
- ◆ **Program fees apply** (financial assistance may be available for qualifying students)
- ◆ **College Credits and Certifications available:** (contact WANIC to find out more)

This is a full year 3-period Skill Center class (3 high school credits). The Dental Careers program opens up a world of exciting professional and college opportunities. In a state-of-the-art learning lab, discover the rewarding dental career field. Learn about instruments, dental materials, four-handed dentistry, preventative, restorative, and specialty procedures, patient charting, sterilization, radiography, general and oral anatomy, microbiology, terminology, First Aid/CPR, and infection control. Program includes field trips, guest speakers, team building, and leadership activities and prepares students for further education or an exciting career. Successful completion of Biology strongly recommended prior to enrolling. Students read college level textbooks and practice technical writing skills.

Students who successfully complete this program have the experience required to work in a dental office as a sterilization or hygiene assistant. Many students choose to continue their dental education at technical colleges and universities majoring in dental assisting, dental hygiene, or dentistry. Dentistry is an exciting, hands-on, and in-demand profession. Dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants are well compensated and have desirable work hours.

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Washington State has many excellent schools to further your dental education, including

Clark College, Eastern Washington University, Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Renton Technical College, Seattle Community College, Shoreline Community College, University of Washington, and many more.

## Median Yearly Salary Seattle Metro area\*

◆ Dental Assistant	\$48,470
◆ Dental Lab Technician	\$69,460
◆ Dental Hygienist	\$99,640
◆ General Dentist	\$147,850

*\*Source: careeronestop.org U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics 2021*

## PREPARE FOR COLLEGE AND A CAREER!

WANIC (Washington Network for Innovative Careers) is a regional skill center in Northeast King County. WANIC provides advanced level Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs based on rigorous academic and industry standards preparing students for career and college readiness. WANIC Skill Center programs are delivered through a system of branch campuses in seven participating districts. The skill center programs provide dual credit opportunities (both high school and college credit) and/or lead to industry certifications.

## Washington Network for Innovative Careers

WANIC Skill Center serves high school students from these School Districts:

Bellevue ◆ Issaquah ◆ Lake Washington  
Mercer Island ◆ Northshore ◆ Riverview ◆ Snoqualmie Valley

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