

# Dental Assisting



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Skills recommended to be successful in this career pathway:

## HEALTH SCIENCE CAREER CLUSTER

### ESSENTIAL SKILLS

- Oral communication
- Written communication
- Physical strength/mobility
- Safety awareness
- Visual acuity/depth perception
- Eye/hand/arm coordination/manual dexterity

### ACADEMIC SKILLS



#### APPLIED MATHEMATICS

- Use/understand ratios
- Convert units of measure
- Understand normal/abnormal ranges



#### WORKPLACE DOCUMENTS

- Read/use SDS sheets
- Understand/use dental terminology
- Use patient records and billing information



#### GRAPHIC LITERACY

- Interpret patient charts
- Read/use digital X-ray images
- Understand tooth morphology

### DID YOU KNOW STUDENTS IN THIS PROGRAM...

- \* Get hands-on experience learning dental assisting practices in lab
- \* Deliver courteous and professional care to patients
- \* Follow all HIPAA patient protection standards and OSHA health safety practices
- \* Routinely communicate and use medical terminology
- \* Work with advanced dental technology
- \* Complete dental charts and other medical records
- \* Use fine-motor skills and frequently work standing up
- \* Help calm patients who are anxious about dental visits
- \* Work with team of other dental professionals
- \* Understand infection control and sterilization



### COURSES



**YEAR  
1**

- Oral Diagnosis and Treatment Planning
- Dental Technology



**YEAR  
2**

- Medical and Dental Office Tech
- Dental Radiography



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## IS THIS YOU?



Find your work personality type with this free assessment at [truity.com](http://truity.com):



Holland's Model of Occupational Themes – graphic courtesy of the University of Tennessee.

## Conventional | Realistic

Conventional personality types are “organizers;” they like predictability, structure, rules and order. They focus on detail and work in an organized and methodical manner to get things done on time with high standards. Organizers with a secondary personality type of “realistic” like to work in practical and organized environments where they can work with their hands.

### Key strengths that lead to success in this career path

- ✓ Attention to detail
- ✓ Dependability
- ✓ Self-control
- ✓ Stress tolerance
- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Adaptability/flexibility

## WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ Job shadowing
- ▶ Job placement
- ▶ Guest speakers
- ▶ Externships
- ▶ HOSA – Future Health Professionals competitions

## COLLEGE & CAREER READY

### Career Credentials

- American Medical Technologist – Registered Dental Assistant
- Ohio State Dental Board – Dental Assistant Radiographer
- OSHA 10 – Healthcare
- CPR



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## CAREER PATHWAYS

After earning credentials, get more education and experience to

- ▶▶ Dental receptionist
- ▶▶ Dental assistant
- ▶▶ Specialty dental assistant
- ▶▶ Lab technologist
- ▶▶ Dental hygienist
- ▶▶ Expanded function dental hygienist
- ▶▶ Dentist
- ▶▶ Dental sales rep



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Entry-level pay range in Ohio

**\$14 - 30**  
per hour



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