

CERTIFICATE\*

# DENTAL ASSISTING

## Service With a Smile.

It takes a lot of different people to keep a dental office running smoothly. Dental assistants are among the most crucial; their work ranges from patient care, to office tasks and laboratory procedures. Our students learn to take X-rays and impressions, and perform a variety of dental procedures, including but not limited to, coronal polishing. The Dental Assisting program at Carrington College® covers patient participation, charting, administrative duties and office administration. And it's not all classroom study - our students get hands-on training during lab sessions and clinical experience. The program culminates in a Certificate of Achievement.

*According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of dental assistants is expected to grow 25% from 2012-2022.†*



## Duties May Include:

- Sterilizing and disinfecting instruments and equipment
- Obtaining dental records
- Patient preparation
- Taking X-rays and impressions
- Assisting with restoration, oral surgery and orthodontic procedures
- Instructing patients on postoperative and general oral health care
- Administrative duties

## Possible Employment Opportunities:

- Dental offices
- Private and governmental hospitals
- State and local public health departments
- Clinics
- Dental schools

For comprehensive consumer information visit [carrington.edu/cc/da](http://carrington.edu/cc/da)



**CARRINGTON  
COLLEGE®**

**877-623-1442  
CARRINGTON.EDU**

\* Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. Information is current at the time of printing. For the most updated information, visit [carrington.edu](http://carrington.edu).

† Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook (2014-15 Ed.)

# CERTIFICATE - DENTAL ASSISTING

## Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Dental Assisting program, graduates will be able to:

- Perform dental assisting chairside duties.
- Take radiographs (X-rays) on clinical patients. (Idaho and Washington only).
- Demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking and information management.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS – Albuquerque, Mesa, Phoenix North, Spokane, Tucson

Dental Assisting Courses		Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
DAC 111	Instrumentation, Chairside Assisting and Dental Materials	48	48	0	4.5
DAC 112	Front Office Procedures	48	48	0	4.5
DAC 113	Anatomy, Physiology, and Dental Radiography	48	48	0	4.5
DAC 114	Preventive Dentistry	48	48	0	4.5
DAC 115	Dental Specialties – Expanded Functions	48	48	0	4.5
CDV 198.2	Career Development Seminar	30	0	0	2.0
XTP 200	Externship	0	0	180	4.0
Total for Certificate		270	240	180	28.5

*This program is offered in a six-week format.*

*Approximate time to complete certificate program: 36 weeks*