

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. Our program at the Carrington College® Boise campus 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. We help to prepare graduates to take certain credential exams.** 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 31% by 2020.****

For comprehensive consumer information visit carrington.edu/schools/boise-idaho/dental-assisting-program

*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.

**Carrington College prepares students to take appropriate certification and licensure exams related to their individual majors. The College does not guarantee students will successfully pass these exams or be certified or licensed as a result of completing the program. Check the website for specific exams or licensures that apply to your state.

***Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook (2012-13 Ed.)



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



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STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

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

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS – Boise

Dental Assisting Technical Courses		Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
DACA 160	Anatomy, Physiology, and Radiography Lecture [^]	54	0	0	3.5
DACA 162	Radiography with Lab [^]	23	31	0	2.5
DACA 170	Dental Specialties Lecture [^]	54	0	0	3.5
DACA 172	Dental Specialties and Pit and Fissure Sealants Expanded Function with Lab [^]	23	31	0	2.5
DACA 180	Front Office, Laws and Ethics, Pharmacology and Pain Control Lecture [^]	54	0	0	3.5
DACA 182	Front Office, Patient Screening, Administration and Monitoring Nitrous Oxide Expanded Function with Lab [^]	23	31	0	2.5
DACA 190	Oral and Systemic Health and Disease Lecture [^]	54	0	0	3.5
DACA 192	First Aid, OSHA Standards, and Coronal Polishing Expanded Function with Lab [^]	23	31	0	2.5
DACA 196	Instrumentation, Chairside, and Dental Materials Lecture [^]	54	0	0	3.5
DACA 198	Instrumentation, Chairside, Dental Materials, and Temporary Crown Expanded Function with Lab [^]	23	31	0	2.5
SEM 200	Graduate Preparation Seminar	30	0	0	2
EXT 180	Externship [^]	0	0	180	4
EXT 90	Externship [^]	0	0	90	2
Total for Certificate		415	155	270	38

[^]Core course

Approximate time to complete certificate program: 38 weeks (day), 40 weeks (evening)