

CERTIFICATE/ASSOCIATE DEGREE*

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. The program culminates in a Certificate of Achievement or an Associate of Science degree.

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

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* 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.

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



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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.
- Demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking and information management.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS - Boise

Dental Assisting Courses		Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
DACA 160.1	Anatomy, Physiology, and Radiography Lecture	60	0	0	3.5
DACA 162.1	Radiography with Lab	25	35	0	2.5
DACA 170.1	Dental Specialties Lecture	60	0	0	3.5
DACA 172.1	Dental Specialties and Pit and Fissure Sealants Expanded Function with Lab	25	35	0	2.5
DACA 180.1	Front Office, Laws and Ethics, Pharmacology and Pain Control Lecture	60	0	0	3.5
DACA 182.1	Front Office, Patient Screening, Administration and Monitoring Nitrous Oxide Expanded Function with Lab	25	35	0	2.5
DACA 190.1	Oral and Systemic Health and Disease Lecture	60	0	0	3.5
DACA 192.1	First Aid, OSHA Standards, and Coronal Polishing Expanded Function with Lab	25	35	0	2.5
DACA 196.1	Instrumentation, Chairside, and Dental Materials Lecture	60	0	0	3.5
DACA 198.1	Instrumentation, Chairside, Dental Materials, and Temporary Crown Expanded Function with Lab	25	35	0	2.5
CDV 198.2	Career Development Seminar	30	0	0	2.0
EXT 100	Externship	0	0	100	2.0
EXT 200	Externship	0	0	200	4.0
Total for Certificate		455	175	300	38
General Education Courses					
COM 131	Introduction to Communication	45	0	0	3
SOC 113	Introduction to Sociology	45	0	0	3
ENG 113	English Composition I	45	0	0	3
HLT 200	Current Issues in Health Care Ethics	45	0	0	3
MGT 220	Business Organizations and Management	45	0	0	3
MGT 230	Human Relations in Business	45	0	0	3
MAT 113	College Mathematics	45	0	0	3
NUT 100	Introduction to Nutrition	30	0	0	2
PSY 113	General Psychology	45	0	0	3
SBS 200	Small Business Operations	45	0	0	3
SBS 214	Small Business Customer Relations	45	0	0	3
Total for General Education Courses		480	0	0	32
Total for Degree		935	175	300	70

This program is offered in a six-week format.

Approximate time to complete certificate program: 38 weeks

Approximate time to complete degree program: 72 weeks