

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. At Carrington College®, our students learn to take X-rays and impressions, and perform a variety of dental procedures, including performing coronal polishing and more. Our program covers patient preparation, charting, administrative duties and office administration. And it's not all classroom study - our students get hands-on training during lab sessions, operatory experience and externship. Upon completing the program, graduates are able to apply for and take the State of California Dental Board examination for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA).† The program culminates in a Certificate of Achievement or an Associate of Science degree in Dental Assisting.

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
- Performing coronal polish and 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 facilities
- 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.

† 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.

‡ 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 all dental assisting and Registered Dental Assisting chairside duties.
- Perform coronal polish on patients.
- Take radiographs (X-rays) on clinical patients.
- Demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, information management, personal and professional development, communication skills, respect and responsibility.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS - Citrus Heights, Pleasant Hill, Pomona, Sacramento, San Jose San Leandro, Stockton

Dental Assisting Courses		Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Practical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
DA 21.1	Dental Science	52.5	3.5	0	3.5
DA 201.1	Dental Assisting Procedures 1	16	40	0	2.4
DA 22.1	Dental Office Protocols	52.5	3.5	0	3.5
DA 202.1	Dental Assisting Procedures 2	16	40	0	2.4
DA 23.1	Dental Radiology	52.5	3.5	0	3.5
DA 203.1	Dental Assisting Procedures 3	16	40	0	2.4
DA 24.1	Preventive Dentistry 1	52.5	3.5	0	3.5
DA 204.1	Dental Assisting Procedures 4	16	40	0	2.4
DA 25.1	Preventive Dentistry 2	52.5	3.5	0	3.5
DA 205.1	Dental Assisting Procedures 5	16	40	0	2.4
DA 26.1	Dental Specialties	52.5	3.5	0	3.5
DA 206.1	Dental Assisting Procedures 6	16	40	0	2.4
CDV 198	Career Development Seminar	30	0	0	2
DA 502.1	Externship	0	0	180	4
Total for Certificate		441	261	180	41.4*
Non-science Emphasis General Education Courses					
ENG 101	English Writing and Composition	45	0	0	3
MAT 101	Principles of Mathematics	45	0	0	3
MAT 151	College Algebra	45	0	0	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	45	0	0	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	45	0	0	3
HUM 250	Introduction to Humanities	45	0	0	3
SCI 210	Environmental Science	45	0	0	3
CLT 100	Computer Literacy	45	0	0	3
Total for Non-science Emphasis General Education Courses		360	0	0	24
Total for Non-science Emphasis Degree		801	261	180	65.4
Science Emphasis General Education Courses					
BIO 14	Microbiology with Lab**	60	30	0	4
BIO 25	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 with Lab**	60	30	0	4
BIO 26	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 with Lab**	60	30	0	4
CHEM 6	Inorganic Chemistry with Lab**	60	30	0	4
CHEM 8	Organic Chemistry with Lab**	60	30	0	4
ENG 101	English Writing and Composition	45	0	0	3
MAT 101	Principles of Mathematics	45	0	0	3
MAT 151	College Algebra	45	0	0	3
MAT 201	Intermediate College Algebra	45	0	0	3
NUT 200	Principles of Nutrition	45	0	0	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	45	0	0	3
SPH 205	Interpersonal Communication	45	0	0	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	45	0	0	3
CLT 100	Computer Literacy	45	0	0	3
Total for Science Emphasis General Education Courses		705	150	0	47
Total for Science Emphasis Degree†		1146	411	180	88.4

* 882 clock hours

† Science Emphasis Degree Program available at Sacramento and San Jose campuses only

** Science-based general education course

Approximate time to complete the certificate program: 42 weeks (not including breaks)

Approximate time to complete the non-science emphasis associate degree program: 72 weeks (not including breaks)

Approximate time to complete the science emphasis associate degree program: 106 weeks (not including breaks)