

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

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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](http://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. (Idaho and Washington only).
- Demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking and information management.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS – Las Vegas, Portland

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 198.2	Career Development Seminar	30	0	0	2
DA 502.1	Externship	0	0	180	4
Total for Certificate		441	261	180	41.4

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

*Approximate time to complete certificate program: 42 weeks*