Start a new career in the dental field. Dental Assistants support dentists in a variety of ways including preparing patients for their procedures, developing dental x-rays, and scheduling appointments. Dental Assistant is one of the most in-demand healthcare professions and is the fourth fastest growing occupation in the healthcare technician field. Our Dental Assistant Online Certificate Program teaches you the skills needed to start a career as dental assistant in two months. The in-depth curriculum also prepares you for the Dental Assisting National Board exams.

Why enroll in our Dental Assistant Program?

**Begin a New Career Quickly**
You have six months to finish the program, but it can be completed in as little as two months.

**Learn Dentistry Fundamentals**
Become proficient in the fundamentals of oral anatomy, dental operation, and dental equipment.

**Get Real-world Experience**
Our program includes a 40-hour clinical externship to launch your career.

**Prepare for Industry Certifications**
Our course curriculum prepares you for the Dental Assisting National Board exams.
Certificate Program

Our Dental Assistant Online Certificate Program provides students with a foundation of knowledge regarding all areas of administrative and clinical dental assisting, focusing on the responsibilities required to work as an assistant in a dental practice.

Dental Assistant Online Certificate

- $1,399 for a self-paced e-learning course that gives you six months to complete. Access to all textbooks, workbooks, related course material, and 40-hour clinical externship included. A payment plan is available for this program through our educational partner.

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Key areas and topics covered in the program

- The dental assisting profession and the history of dentistry
- Dental anatomy and physiology
- Tooth charting, tooth surfaces, and classification of restorations on a tooth
- Parts of the jaw and areas of the mouth
- Oral health and preventions of dental disease
- Infection control in dentistry and occupational health and safety
- Patient information and assessment
- Foundation of clinical dentistry
- Dental radiology
- Single crown restoration, bridge, implant, partial denture, and full denture
- Dental equipment, accessories and the treatment room
- Dental hand pieces and accessories
- Dental cements and impression materials
- Coding of radiology services and the use of ICD-9-CM codes
- Assisting in comprehensive dental care
- Dental administration and communication skills

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