

DENTAL ASSISTING

Clinical Emphasis

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Job Description

The dental assistant with a clinical emphasis functions as a member of the dental healthcare delivery team. Some of the responsibilities routinely performed by a clinical dental assistant include:

- Performing laboratory procedures
- Exposing & processing dental radiographs
- Preparing dental materials
- Assisting dentist with procedures

Career Opportunities

Most dental assistants are employed in private dental offices or manage care clinics.

Approximate Salary

Hourly Wage Range.....\$12.24- \$25.00
Median Hourly Wage.....\$17.76

Source: "U.S. Department of Labor
2018"

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Program Description

The College of Southern Nevada Dental Assisting Program is a three-semester multidisciplinary course of study that prepares students to work as a clinical assistant. Students during their last semester will be assigned to local clinical affiliated facilities to obtain 300 hours of practical experience. Upon successful completion of all required coursework, students are awarded a Certificate of Achievement. They are also eligible to take the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant examination, which is recognized by 37 states and the District of Columbia.

Admissions Requirements

This program is not a Limited Entry program; therefore, application for admission is not necessary. However, students must have successfully completed ENG 100, 101, 107 or 113 with a "C" or better to begin dental assisting coursework. Students are also required to meet with the Program Director and attend a Dental Assisting Orientation prior to registering.

Approximate Costs

Tuition:

32 credits X \$95.00 per credit hour.....\$3040.00
Student Union Fee (per credit).....\$8.00
Technology Fee (per credit).....\$6.50
Books.....\$400.00
Lab Fees.....\$45.00/lab
Uniforms.....\$200.00
Physical Exam.....\$50.00 - \$75.00
Immunizations.....\$0 - \$600.00
Urine Drug Screen.....\$30.00
Medical Insurance.....\$20.00 - \$190.00/month
Applies only if you are presently uninsured.

New Student Fee.....\$20.00

One time, non-refundable fee charged to new students only

College Application Fee.....\$20.00

One time, non-refundable fee charged to new or returning student who has attended prior to 2005

Non-Resident Fee.....\$3389.00 per semester

This is in addition to the tuition and technology fee and is assessed to nonresident students enrolling in 7 or more credit hours.

Beginning Students

Students beginning the program will be required to show proof of CPR (Basic Life Support/Health Care Provider), health insurance, and immunization against Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Tetanus, Varicella and Diphtheria. This documentation is needed prior to starting the program.

Requirements Prior to Beginning 2nd Semester

Students are required to show proof of a negative 2-step TB skin test, a drug test, a physical, medical insurance, and an eye examination must be completed. Medical insurance may be purchased through the CSN Student Government Office.

Note: High School graduation or GED is required by Commission on Dental Accreditation.

Accreditation:

American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation

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