



BECOME A DENTAL ASSISTANT



A Dental Assistant is a non-registered, technical worker who works under the direct supervision of a Dentist. Dental Assistants work in dental offices and throughout the community in healthcare events.

Job Growth & Demand: In California, an average of 700 new job openings per year is expected for Dental Assistants, plus an additional 940 job openings due to net replacement needs, resulting in a total of 1,640 job openings. Jobs for Dental Assistants are expected to increase by 15.5 percent, or 7,000 jobs between 2012 and 2022.

DENTAL ASSISTANT ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE or CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVMENT

Students interested in pursuing a career in Dental Assisting may enroll into the program planned to be offered in Fall Semester. All students are encouraged to visit the Assessment Center to have their Mathematic and English skills evaluated. All other students are required to take all courses and earn a grade of "C" or better to receive a Completion Certificate.

Pre-Requisites for the Dental Assisting Program:

- ✓ High School Diploma or Equivalent
- ✓ Assessment on English and Math at the college's assessment center

Student Eligibility and Requirements:

- Application to WLA College
- Application to Dental Assisting Program
- Clear Criminal Background check

COST:

If accepted into the Dental Assisting program there will be additional cost to enrollment in the Dental Assisting Program in addition to tuition, parking, health fees, etc., that include but not limited to:

- Instrument kits (Est. \$ 1300.)
- 3 sets of Uniforms (Est. \$ 75)
- Books (Est. \$700)
- Immunizations/Health Form requirements (est. \$126-442, depending on need)
- Licensing applications fees (Est. \$500)
- Background Check / HIPAA (Est. \$75)
- Livescan (Est. \$60)
- Misc. (Est. \$ 200). It is recommended that you apply for financial aid early

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit our website for upcoming information sessions and to register to attend.
www.wlac.edu/allied-health

Email us at: alliedh@wla.edu, or Call us at: (310) 287-4644

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At orientation you will be provided with:

- Upcoming Course Schedule
- Dental Assisting Program Application & Agreement
- Certificate & Degree Requirements
- Student Check List & List of Required Books

West Los Angeles College, part of the California Community College system, has offered excellent career training and university transfer programs to the community for nearly 40 years.

West's small classes and park-like setting gives the campus a private school feel. However, tuition is an

affordable \$46 per unit

Financial aid and fee waivers are available.

West is open to anyone who 18 years old or older is or who has graduated from high school.

To enroll online or view the class schedule, visit:

www.wlac.edu

The Dental Assisting Program offers a **Certificate of Achievement** in Dental Assisting and **Associate Degree** in Dental Assisting. Upon completion of the program and approval from the Dental Board of California the student will be eligible to take the California State Board Examination as a **Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)**.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT AND DEGREE IN DENTAL ASSISTING

If you are accepted into the Dental Assisting program you will complete the following:

	Fall Term	Units	Winter/ Spring Term	Units
Year One	DENTAST 001 – Orientation to Dental Assisting	2	DENTAST 010 – Intermediate Chairside Assisting	3
	DENTAST 005 – Pre-clinical Chair-side Assisting	5	DENTAST 015 – Advance Chairside Assisting	5
	DENTAST 006 – Dental Sciences for the Dental Assistant	2	DENTAST 009 – Medical Emergencies	2
	DENTAST 007 – Infection Control for the Dental Setting	1	DENTAST 013 – Practice Management	2
	DENTAST 008 – Introduction to Dental Radiology	3	DENTAST 003 – Dental Assistant Seminar	1
			DENTAST 012 – Dental Assisting Clinical Science	3
	Total Semester Units	13	Total Semester Units	16
Year Two	Fall Term			Units
	Biology (3A & 3B) *			4
	Cultural Anthropology 102 *			3
	Psychology 1 *			3
	H.O. 064 – Cultural and Legal Topics for Health Care Professionals			2
	H.O. 065 – Fundamentals to Health Care Professionals			2.5
	H.O. 062 – Skill Set for the Health Care Professional			2
	H. O. 063 – Basic Medical Language, Pathophysiology and Pharmacy for the Healthcare Professionals			2
			9	
Dental Assisting Certificate Unit Total			29 Units	
Elective Unit Total			9 Units	
Total Units Towards A.S. Degree			38 Units	

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN DENTAL ASSISTING:

The Associate in Science in Dental Assistant (ASDA) program provides students with a high quality education that prepares them to be highly competent, professional, and caring licensed dental assistants.

A.S. Degree G.E. requirements	# Units
A.S. Degree G.E. requirements	22
Required Major Total	29
Elective Units	9-10
TOTAL	60

To complete the Associate Degree in Dental Assistant students must complete all of the program core requirements and general education courses (Plan B). It is recommended that students consult with the Counseling Office to develop a Comprehensive Student Educational Plan. (310) 287-7242.