Dental Assisting Program

What does a Dental Assistant do?
A dental assistant is an integral member of the dental health care team, involved in many aspects of a dental office. They schedule appointments, file insurance forms and pretreatment estimates, expedite bills, receive payments, and order supplies and materials for the dental office. They sterilize and disinfect instruments and equipment and prepare tray set-ups. Dental assistants make impressions for the fabrication of study models and custom trays used in bleaching. They obtain a patient’s medical history, blood pressure and heart rate and expose and process dental x-rays. They provide comfort to a patient before and after treatment, assist the dentist chair side during examinations, and pass instruments and materials to the dentist during procedures.

Dental Assisting Program (DNTA-1015) 70 hours

Total 70 hours

Course prerequisites MUST be completed prior to registration.

The Dental Assisting program prepares students for the Texas Certification in Radiology, Infection Control and Jurisprudence.

Dental Assisting Program Prerequisites

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Brookhaven College Continuing Education-Immunization Record Form
  Brookhaven College will require a copy of proof of immunization. Immunizations must be current.
  The Immunization Record must be completed and signed ONLY by Brookhaven College’s Health Center nurse. The student must provide proof of immunization and complete a Brookhaven College Continuing Education-Immunization Record Form. The following immunizations are required: Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), Varicella, TD or TDAP, all 3 doses of the Hepatitis B series, Flu Shot, and a current TB test (within the last year). If students have had a previous positive PPD test, documentation or history of treatment is required.
- A copy of current completion card of Basic Cardiac Life Support, BCLS, for Health Care Providers
- A copy of proof of personal healthcare insurance coverage which will cover the course dates prior to enrolling
- A copy of valid U.S. or Texas State Government Issued Photo I.D. (e.g. driver’s license)
- Pass a criminal background check and drug screens*
  (Students accepted into the Brookhaven College Workforce and Continuing Education Health Programs are required by the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council Member Facilities to undergo a criminal background check and drug screening prior to beginning their clinical experience. These checks must be completed no more than 30 days before the start of the clinical experience.)
  *Students who do not pass these two requirements will not be allowed to continue on to clinicals.
- Dallas County Community College District, Continuing /Workforce Education Registration Form

The following are not included in the cost of the Dental Assisting Program and are the responsibility of the student.

- Liability insurance (MUST be paid at the time of registration)
- Personal healthcare insurance coverage
- Texas Certification in Radiology, Infection Control and Jurisprudence exam
- Uniform scrubs, any color and style

Off Campus Teaching Locations:

- The clinical component for all Dental Assisting Program classes meet at Dental Careers Foundation, 1200 Coit Road, Suite 100, Plano, TX.

For additional information about the Dental Assisting Program, please call Susana Ruelas at 972-860-7846.