

DENTAL ASSISTING

Clinical Emphasis

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 in Nevada

Hourly Wage Range\$17.25 - \$24.48
Median Hourly Wage\$19.63

Source: Indeed <https://www.indeed.com/career/dental-assistant/salaries/NV>

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.

Admission 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, 110 or 113 with a "C" or better to begin dental assisting coursework.

Students are also required meet with the Program Director and attend a Dental Assisting Orientation prior to registering.

Approximate Costs

(Costs are subject to change)

Tuition:

33 credits x \$115.50 per credit hr	\$3,811.50
Student Union Fee per credit hr.....	\$8.00
Technology Fee per credit hr.....	\$10.50
Books.....	\$400.00
Lab Fees	\$50.00/lab
Credentialing Fee (optional).....	\$525.00
Uniforms.....	\$300.00
Physical Exam.....	\$50.00 - \$75.00
Immunizations.....	\$0 - \$600.00
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 students who last attended prior to 2005.	
Non-resident Fee	\$4049.50 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), immunization against Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Tetanus, Varicella and Diphtheria as well as proof of a negative 2-step TB skin test or QuantiFERON. This documentation is needed prior to starting the program. The CPR course must be in-person, online course is not acceptable.

Requirements Prior to Beginning 2nd Semester

Students must complete a drug test, a physical, and provide medical insurance prior to the start of the semester. Medical insurance may be purchased through the CSN Student Government Office.

Note: High school graduation, GED, or HiSet is required by Commission on Dental Accreditation.

Accreditation

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on Dental Accreditation
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