

DENTAL ASSISTING

PROGRAM LENGTH

10 months

CREDENTIALS/CREDITS

Professional certificate, 40 credits

DELIVERY

In-Person, Online

TUITION AND FEES

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MORE INFO

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ADMISSIONS

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This program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements." The commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at 312-440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611.



Dental assistants greatly increase the efficiency of the dentist in the delivery of quality oral healthcare. This program strives to create a learning environment in which graduates have the knowledge, skills, and values to provide comprehensive educational, preventive, and therapeutic services that reflect the competencies vital to the profession of dental assisting. NHTI offers the only accredited Dental Assisting program in N.H. Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board national certification exam. This program is financial aid-eligible.

Career Opportunities

Dental assistants are in high demand in N.H., with great part- and full-time job opportunities. This program offers students the opportunity to become involved in a healthcare profession as a member of the dental team in private dental offices, public dental clinics, and institutions.

Compared to non-accredited programs in the state, our graduates can legally take x-rays, place sealants, take impressions, remove sutures and place and remove periodontal packs, perform coronal polishing, apply fluoride treatments, monitor nitrous oxide, make provisional crowns, place and remove rubber dams, and apply desensitizing immediately upon completion of the program. Graduates can also further their career in NHTI's Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary certificate program.

The salary of a dental assistant depends on the responsibilities associated with the specific position and the geographic location of employment. Dental assistants earn salaries equal to other healthcare personnel with similar training and experience such as medical assistants, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapy assistants, veterinary technicians, and pharmacy assistants.

DENTAL ASSISTING CERTIFICATE CURRICULUM

| Course | Title | CL | LAB | CR |
|------------------------|---|----|-----|-----------|
| Fall Semester | | | | |
| ADED 110C | Dental Assisting Science I ¹ | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| ADED 105C | Dental Radiology for Dental Assisting ¹ | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| ADED 161C | Dental Materials – Dental Assisting ¹ | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| ADED 175C | Dental Assisting Theory I ¹ | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| ADED 191C | Dental Assisting Clinical Experience I ^{1,2} | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| ENGL 101C | English Composition | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| PSYC 105C | Introduction to Psychology | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| | | | | 19 |
| Spring Semester | | | | |
| ADED 111C | Dental Assisting Science II | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| ADED 155C | Oral Hygiene Education/Nutrition | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| ADED 182C | Office Procedures and Management with Computer Applications | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| ADED 196C | Dental Assisting Clinical Experience II ^{1,2} | 0 | 15 | 5 |
| ADED 239C | Concepts of Risk Management | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| ADED 275C | Dental Assisting Theory II | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| ENGL 120C/COMM 120C | Communication ³ | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| | | | | 17 |
| Summer Semester | | | | |
| ADED 298C | Dental Assisting Clinical Experience III (6 weeks) | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| | | | | 4 |
| Total Credits | | | | 40 |

¹Indicates major field courses.

²All students enrolled in a clinical course will be charged a \$500 per semester clinical surcharge. The following courses carry this charge: ADED 191C, ADED 196C, and ADED 298C.

³May be taken in the Spring or Summer semester in order to access Financial Aid which requires a minimum of six credit hours.

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NHTI is a dynamic public institution of higher learning that provides accessible, rigorous education for students, businesses, and the community. We create pathways for lifelong learning, career advancement, and civic engagement, offering 80+ academic programs to 4,600+ students annually. NHTI is a member of the Community College System of New Hampshire and since 1969 has been accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education, a nongovernmental, nationally recognized accrediting agency.

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