

Welcome to Dental Assisting



Introductions

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All instructors are Registered Dental Assistants with teaching credentials.

What is Dental Assisting?

DENTAL ASSISTING IS A REWARDING AND CHALLENGING CAREER.

THE MANY ROLES OF A DENTAL ASSISTANT.....

- Charting
- Exercising infection control protocols and procedures
- Assisting chairside procedures
- Manipulation of dental materials
- X-rays
- Patient education
- Inventory control
- Application of topical fluoride
- Removing sutures
- Scheduling patient appointments
- Managing patient records

And so much more!!!

What is the average salary for Dental Assistants?

Dental Assisting salaries vary.

Resources:

- ▶ Bureau of Labor Statistics
- ▶ Craigslist



How long will it take to complete the program?

THE PROGRAM IS APPROXIMATELY 10 MONTHS IN LENGTH.

TUESDAY – FRIDAY (3 HOURS PER DAY)

IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE, AND ELECT TO CONTINUE ON TO THE RDA PROGRAM, IT WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL 6 MONTHS (APPROXIMATELY).



What certificates/licenses will I receive upon completion?

- ▶ Certificate of Completion
- ▶ California Dental X-ray License
- ▶ Infection Control Certification



DA vs. RDA

Dental Assisting Program

- ▶ Completion Certificate
- ▶ X-Ray License
- ▶ Infection Control Certification



RDA Eligible? YES!

- ▶ Upon 15 months full time work experience
- ▶ Upon successful completion of a Coronal Polish course
- ▶ Upon successful completion of a Pit and Fissure Sealant course

Registered Dental Assisting Program

- ▶ Completion Certificate
- ▶ X-Ray License
- ▶ Infection Control Certification
- ▶ Coronal Polish certification
- ▶ Pit and Fissure Sealant certification



RDA Eligible? YES!

Immediately

Patient Requirements

As a student in the Dental Assisting Program, you will be required to supply a minimum of four patients to meet your x-ray requirement.

- ▶ **Patients must be at least 18 years of age.** High school students, regardless of their age will not be accepted as patients.
- ▶ Patients must have a sufficient number of teeth so that all required exposures may be taken.
- ▶ **A prescription (authorization) from the patient's dentist of record must be submitted for each patient.**
- ▶ Prescription must clearly state the patient's name and give authorization to complete an FMX on that particular patient.
- ▶ Prescriptions must be dates and be no more than 6 months old.
- ▶ Prescription must have the dentist's original signature and be a on dentist's letterhead or prescription pad.
- ▶ Stamped signatures or faxed prescriptions are not accepted.
- ▶ No electronically submitted (fax, email) prescriptions will be accepted.
- ▶ Prescriptions CANNOT have blank areas filled in by the patient or student.
- ▶ If you are using a patient currently enrolled in the Dental Assisting Program, they must be on the Radiography packet or beyond.
- ▶ All patients will be required to show a photo ID.

Patient Requirements - continued

Students that advance to the RDA Program will be required to submit Coronal Polish and Pit and Fissure Sealant patients in addition to the x-ray patients.

Coronal Polish Patient Requirements (2 patients minimum)

- ▶ Patients must be 18 years or older. High school students regardless of their age, will not be accepted.
- ▶ Must be in excellent health, not having any infectious diseases or the need to be pre-medicated with an antibiotic for such diseases as heart or kidney.
- ▶ Patient must have a minimum of 20 natural teeth.
- ▶ Must not heavy deposits or calculus.
- ▶ Must not wear a denture or partial denture.
- ▶ Must have majority of teeth free from crowns or bridges.

Instructor will reject any patient not meeting the above requirements.

Patient Requirements - continued

Pit and Fissure Sealant Patient Requirements(4 patients minimum)

- ▶ **Patient must be 18 years or older. Age not to exceed 60 years.**
 - High school students currently enrolled in the Dental Assisting Program, regardless of their age, will not be accepted as patients.
 - Students simultaneously enrolled in the Pit and Fissure Sealant class will not be accepted as patients.
- ▶ Must be in excellent health, not having any infectious diseases or the need to be pre-medicated with an antibiotic for such as diseases as heart or kidney.
- ▶ **Each patient will have a minimum of four (4) virgin, non-restored natural teeth, sufficiently erupted so that a dry field can be maintained. In addition, each patient will have a minimum of one tooth in each quadrant, and a minimum of two (2) molars.**
- ▶ Students may only use one patient with eight (8) teeth. This patient will count as two (2) patients and must have two (2) virgin teeth in each quadrant, and a minimum of four (4) molars.
- ▶ **Each patient must have a written prescription (authorization) clearly indicating which teeth are to receive the pit and fissure sealant application.**
- ▶ The prescription must have the dentist's original signature and be on a dentist's letterhead or prescription pad.
- ▶ Stamped signatures and electronically submitted prescriptions (fax, email) are not accepted.
- ▶ There is no "splitting" of patients. Each patient can only be used by one student.
- ▶ Patients **MUST** arrive on time. If your patient is late, you will forfeit your spot and will fail the class. Patients cannot be rescheduled.
- ▶ Pregnant patients will be permitted ONLY with written permission from their physician.
- ▶ Patients undergoing orthodontic treatment will not be permitted.
- ▶ **Students who do not pass the class the first time will not be able to carry over patients to the next class. This means, if you fail Pit and Fissure Sealants for any reason, you will be required to secure 4 NEW PATIENTS for the next class. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Instructors have the right to reject a patient if they determine that there are insufficient pits and fissures, the tooth is not fully erupted, or there is decay.

Internships



INTERNSHIPS PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO PERFECT SKILLS, LEARN NEW SKILLS, AND MAKE PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS.

INTERNSHIPS FOR THE **DA PROGRAM ARE OPTIONAL**, ALTHOUGH HIGHLY ENCOURAGED. INTERNSHIPS ARE SCHEDULED FOR **6 WEEKS**.

STUDENTS IN THE **RDA PROGRAM ARE REQUIRED TO** INTERN FOR A TOTAL OF **400 HOURS** IN 3 DIFFERENT OFFICES.

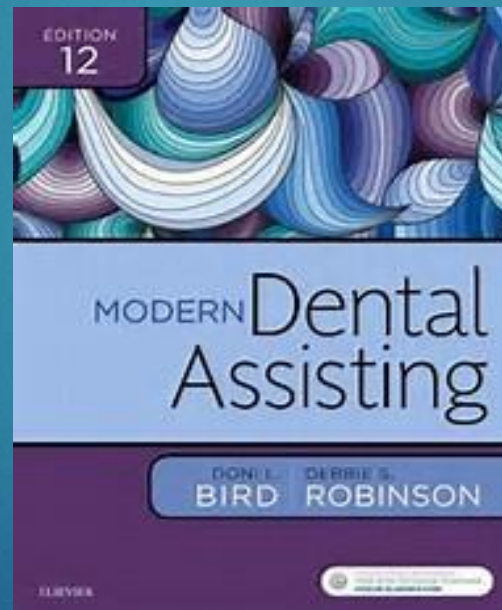
Additional Fees

- **PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE** (SCRUBS, SHOES, LAB JACKET, PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR)
- **PHYSICAL EXAM** (FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM MRS. O'BRIEN)
- **TB CLEARANCE** (MUST NOT BE MORE THAN 1 YEAR OLD AND MUST REMAIN VALID AND CURRENT THROUGHOUT A STUDENT'S INTERNSHIP)
- **HEPATITIS B VACCINATION** (OPTIONAL)
- **CPR CLASS** (MUST BE APPROVED FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS OR THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION)
- STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THEIR OWN **TRANSPORTATION** TO AND FROM THEIR ASSIGNED INTERNSHIP SITES.

Textbook

Modern Dental Assisting, 12th ed., Bird/Robinson

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Other things you need to know....

- ▶ Attendance and punctuality
- ▶ Fingernails short with clear polish only
- ▶ Reading and writing skills at post-secondary level
- ▶ High school diploma (or equivalent) necessary to receive any completion certificates
- ▶ A valid social security number is required in order to issue an x-ray license
- ▶ If you apply for the RDA exam through the Dental Board, you will be fingerprinted.



Questions?

**If you still have question, please contact us at 510-293-2910
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