

Dental Assistant

Federal Financial Aid available for those who qualify for Pell Grant.

LOCATION	TIME	DAYS	TERM	CLOCK HOURS	FEE*
Grindstaff II - Extension Campus, Riverside	8:00 A.m. – 4:30 p.m.	M-Th	23 weeks	675	\$6,000

**Program fee DOES NOT include enrollment prerequisites, immunizations, health clearances, program requirements, or required materials.*

**Schedules and fees are subject to change without notice.*

This course prepares students for employment as a chair-side dental assistant. Instruction includes:

- Dental office administration.
- Dental law and ethics.
- Dental radiation safety certification and infection control.
- Sterilization and disinfecting procedures with an emphasis on OSHA requirements.
- Identification of dental instruments and equipment.
- Process to take teeth impressions and chart oral conditions.
- Preventative dental health, terminology, and anatomy.

Admission Requirements

- Proof of high school diploma or equivalent.
- Successful completion of required assessment test.
- Current government-issued photo ID.
- Social Security card.

Program Requirements

- Maintain a minimum 76% grade average and a 93% attendance rate.
- Basic keyboarding and computer skills to facilitate learning of software.
- 160-hour Internship included in program.
- Fingerprinting and background check may be required.

Included in the Cost of Program Fees

- Textbooks.
- Two uniform sets and one lab coat.
- American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR training and card.

Where would I work?

- General dental specialty office.
- Hospital dental facility.
- Dental supply and lab company.
- Dental school.
- County public health office.

What wages can I expect?

MEDIAN 2016 WAGES*		
	Hourly	Annually
California	\$18.18	\$37,822
Inland Empire	\$15.85	\$32,968

*Data based upon Occupation Employment Statistics (OES) Survey Results for Dental Assistants in California: www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

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