

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Program Number 30-508-2

Technical	Diploma	•	One	Term

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	Term 1	
31508302	Dental Chairside	5
31508304	Dental and General Anatomy	2
31508305	Applied Dental Radiography	2
31508306	Dental Assistant Clinical	3
31508307	Dental Assistant Professionalism	1
10508101	Dental Health Safety	1
31508303	Dental Materials OR 10508113 Dental	2

Catalog No. Class Title

Materials

TOTAL 16

Credit(s)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Think about your last dental visit. Your dentist likely worked closely with a dental assistant to perform your exam or procedures. Dental assistants are vital to the safe and efficient operation of the dental office—they assist the dentist in the treatment room, in the lab, and with business administration. If you're interested in a career that focuses on helping people and offers plenty of variety in the workday, dental assisting is a great choice for you.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Perform a variety of entry-level supportive dental procedures.
- Manage infection and hazard control.
- Produce diagnostic radiographs/digital images.
- Perform basic laboratory procedures.
- Demonstrate professional behaviors, ethics, and appearance.

CAREER AND EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

LTC credits transfer to over 30 universities. For more information visit gotoltc.edu/ future-students/transfer.

ADMISSIONS AND FIRST SEMESTER ENROLLMENT STEPS

- Submit online application.
- Complete a background check and pay for applicable processing fee.
- Complete the online Student Success Questionnaire.
- Complete Technical Standards form.
- Submit a Dental Exam form.
- Schedule your 1st Time Program Counseling/Registration Session with your assigned program counselor to plan your first semester schedule, review your entire plan of study and discuss the results of the Student Success Questionnaire.
- *Submit transcripts and test scores (optional, highly recommended): College transcripts, along with high school transcripts and test scores from within the last five years, used for course registration. Official transcripts needed for transferring college credit(s) and for financial aid purposes.

FUTURE SEMESTER ENROLLMENT STEPS

- Complete online Student Success Tutorial prior to registering for second semester.

APPROXIMATE COSTS

• \$146.20 per credit tuition (WI resident) plus \$8.77 per credit student activity fee. Material fee varies depending on course. Other fees vary by program. Visit gotoltc. edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-fees for details.

FINANCIAL AID

This program is eligible for financial aid. Visit gotoltc.edu/Financial-Aid or talk with your Admissions Advisor about how to apply for aid.

SPECIAL NOTE

Graduates are eligible to apply for Radiography and Infection Control, two sections of the Dental Assistant National Board Exam. The Chairside section of the exam requires two years of chairside experience. Hepatitis B vaccination is strongly recommended.

To complete the clinical portion of this program, site specific health and immunization documentation will be required.

CONTACT

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Curriculum and program acceptance requirements are subject to change. Program start dates vary; check with your program counselor for details. The tuition and fees are approximate based on 2023-2024 rates and are subject to change prior to the start of the academic year.

APPLIED DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY...prepares students to operate x-ray units and expose bitewing, periapical, extra oral, and occlusal radiographs. Emphasis is placed on protection against x-ray hazards. Students also process, mount, and evaluate radiographs for diagnostic value. Students also expose digital images and evaluate the image for diagnostic value. In this course students demonstrate competency on a manikin. In addition, students expose bitewing radiographs on a peer and role-play as a patient. COREQUISITES: 31508304 Dental & General Anatomy, 31508307 Dental Professionalism and CONDITION: 305082 Dental Assistant admission requirements met

DENTAL & GENERAL ANATOMY...prepares dental assistant students to apply fundamentals of general and dental anatomy to informed decision-making and to professional communication with colleagues and patients. COREQUISITES: 31508305 Applied Dental Radiography and 31508307 Dental Assistant Professionalism and CONDITION: 305082 Dental Assistant admission requirements met

DENTAL ASSISTANT CLINICAL...allows students to apply the skills developed in Dental Health Safety, Dental Chairside, Dental Materials, Dental Radiography, and Professionalism in a clinical setting with patients. It emphasizes the integration of core abilities and basic communication skills. COREQUISITE: 31508303/10508113 Dental Mtls, 31508302 Dental Chairside, 31508304 Dent/Gen Anat, 31508305 Appl Dental Radio, 31508307 Dental Prof, 10508101 Dent Hlth Sfty, and CONDITION: 305082 Dental Assistant admission requirements met

DENTAL ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL...prepares dental assistant students for professional success in a dental practice or another dental health care environment. Students develop professional appearance and image. More importantly, they learn to work within the ethical guidelines and legal framework. In preparation for entering the work force, dental assistants customize or develop their portfolios and lay out an ongoing professional development plan. COREQUISITES: 31508304 Dental & General Anatomy, 31508305 Applied Dental Radiography and CONDITION: 305082 Dental Assistant admission requirements met

DENTAL CHAIRSIDE...prepares dental assistant students to chart oral cavity structures, dental pathology, and restorations; assist dentist with basic dental procedures including examinations, pain control, amalgam restoration, and cosmetic restoration. Students will also develop the ability to educate patients about preventative dentistry, brushing/flossing techniques, and dental procedures using lay terminology. Students will apply decoding strategies to the correct use and interpretation of dental terminology. COREQUISITE: 31508306 Dental Asst Clin, 31508304 Dent/Gen Anat, 31508305 Appl Dent Radio, 31508307 Dental Prof, 10508101 Dental HIth Sfty, 31508303/10508113 Dental Mtls and CONDITION: 305082 Dental Assistantt admission requirements met

DENTAL HEALTH SAFETY...prepares dental auxiliary students to respond proactively to dental emergencies, control infection, prevent disease, adhere to OSHA Standards, and safely manage hazardous materials. Students also take patient vital signs and collect patient medical/dental histories. CPR certification is a prerequisite; students will be required to show proof of certification before beginning the course. CONDITION: 305082 Dental Assistant admission requirements met

DENTAL MATERIALS...prepares students to handle and prepare dental materials such as intermediary cements and resin restorative materials, gypsum products, and impression materials. They also learn to clean removable appliances. COREQUISITE: 10508101 Dental Health Safety and CONDITION: 305082 Dental Assistant admission requirements met