

Dental Assistant

Description

More than ever before, dentists are relying on dental assistants to perform critical tasks at the patient chair side, in the laboratory, and in managing the dental office. If you are interested in dentistry, want a good-paying job in a high-demand area, and want to build a foundation for advancement in the profession, Tulsa Tech's Dental Assistant program will give you those opportunities. In addition to an overview of dental specialties, you will learn the structure of the head and neck, the form and function of teeth, front office and chair side procedures, and radiographic or "x-ray" and laboratory techniques. You will be a vital link with the patient in handing the dentist materials and instruments and keeping the mouth dry and clear for dental work. You will also be prepared to do some procedures as well as handle the business end of the dental office. You may elect satisfying work as a dental assistant, build on credit earned for an associate degree or choose more intensive study to become a dental hygienist or a dentist. Whatever your choice, you will be prepared for work that pays well in a high-demand area.

- Oklahoma Board of Dentistry approved training for certification in Radiation Safety
- Use the latest methods & equipment to help people achieve the best possible oral health & smile
- Train in a state-of-the-art dental clinic & lab

College Credit

College credit may be available through TCC, RSU, or OSU-Institute of Technology. For more details call the college relations office at 918-828-5205. All college credit is awarded by the college/university.

Entrance Requirements

- Professional Dental Assistant career major adult students only (age 18 or older). Students must show verification of high school diploma or GED.
- High school seniors
- Basic computer literacy

Career Majors/Courses

Dental Assistant (High School)

Courses

Core Healthcare Provider CPR and First Aid Foundations of Dental Assisting
Dental Sciences for the Dental Assistant I
Clinical Sciences for the Dental Assistant I
Clinical Sciences for the Dental Assistant II - Radiography
Clinical Sciences for the Dental Assistant III
Clinical Practice for the Dental Assistant I

Professional Dental Assistant (Adult)

Courses

Core Healthcare Provider CPR and First Aid Foundations of Dental Assisting
Biomedical Sciences for the Dental Assistant
Dental Sciences for the Dental Assistant I
Dental Sciences for the Dental Assistant II
Clinical Sciences for the Dental Assistant I
Clinical Sciences for the Dental Assistant II - Radiography
Clinical Sciences for the Dental Assistant III
Clinical Practice for the Dental Assistant I
Clinical Practice for the Dental Assistant II

Employment Opportunities

Tulsa Tech's Career Placement Services team builds partnerships with Tulsa area businesses & industry to create opportunities for work-based experiences and job placement. Job search assistance is provided before and after graduation. Services include with employment information, resume building, refining interview skills and life-time access to the Tulsa Tech Job Connect database. Call Career Placement Services at 918-828-5270 or visit www.tulsatech.edu/jobconnect / email jobconnect@tulsatech.edu.

2009-2010 year completion & placement data:

- Total Enrolled: 49
- Completion: 88%
- Completed on-time: 100%
- Job Placement: 67%
- Returning Students: 0%
- OPE ID: 005311 / CIP: 51.0601

Area Salary

For information concerning working conditions, physical requirements, employment and job outlook please refer to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH), 2010-11 Edition at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>.

Salary information can be found at The Occupational Information Network (O*NET) Resource Center at <http://www.onetonline.org/>. O*NET-SOC Code: 31-9091.00

Who Can Attend?

High school seniors / Adults

Tuition/Fees/Books

- Tuition: \$2,681.25*
- Lab & Required Fees: \$288.75*
- Additional Required Costs: \$693*
- Optional Fees: \$16 - \$240

**High school students living in the Tulsa Tech school district are not charged tuition, fees & books.*

Additional required costs: books, equipment, tools, uniforms & supplies.

Scheduling Information

H.S. / 1 school year:

August - May

H.S. sessions:

7:45 - 10:45 A.M. / 11:50 - 2:50 P.M.

Adults / 9 months Adult sessions:

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 A.M. - 2:50 P.M.

Friday: 7:45 A.M. - 1:50 P.M.

Check with Admissions Office at 918-828-5260 for start dates.

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Additional Requirements

Prior to the start of the clinical practicum, students must:

- Undergo a criminal background check including sex offender registration as required by the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act that requires individuals providing care to children under the age of 18 to be free of any criminal history that would indicate a potential for violent abuse against another person.
- Provide verification of immunizations through vaccination records, titer (blood test) results, or declination statements. A list of specific immunizations may be obtained through the Health Sciences Center by calling 918-828-1216.
- Have a current American Heart Association CPR for the Healthcare Provider card.
- Provide transportation to clinical sites.
- Adult students must pay a liability insurance fee for clinicals. This fee is charged for each Tulsa Tech fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th).
- Adult students must pay a drug screening fee for clinicals. The drug screening is required for all students and will be completed sometime before clinicals.
- Adult students must pay a fee to participate in the online immunization tracking system.

NOTE: Fees associated with the requirements above are included in tuition/fees/books section.

Credential/Industry Certifications

To earn the Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification administered by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB), graduates of this program must:

- Have two years of full-time work experience (3,500 hours) as a dental assistant, with written verification of work experience from the dentist employer
- Hold current CPR certification with the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or another DANB-accepted CPR course provider
- Pass DANB's Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Exam

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NOTE: CDA is a registered certification mark of the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB). Certified Dental Assistant is a trademark of DANB.

Campus Location

Health Sciences Center
 3350 South Memorial Drive
 Tulsa, OK 74145-1390
 (918) 828-1200
 FAX (918) 828-1209

Application Process

Apply ON-LINE at www.tulsatech.edu/apply. Applications can also be obtained in the counseling offices on any of the campuses; at the Career Services Center located on the Memorial Complex; or by calling 918-828-5200.

Financial Aid

Financial assistance is available through several options at Tulsa Tech. For the most up-to-date information, call 918-828-5280 or visit www.tulsatech.edu. Some career majors are eligible for federal financial aid. To apply, go to: www.fafsa.ed.gov.
