

DENTAL ASSISTANT

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Campus Location

Lemley Campus, Health Sciences Center

Occupational Focus

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.

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/>.

Who Can Attend?

High school students
Adults

Scheduling Information

One year program beginning in August
High School -- 7:55am - 10:40am or
--11:55am - 2:40pm, Monday through Friday
Adults -- 7:55am - 2:40pm, Monday through Thursday
-- 7:55am - 10:40am, Friday

Entrance Requirements

- Adult students only (age 18 or older) - Students must show verification of high school diploma or GED to enroll in Certified Dental Assistant career major
- High school seniors
- Basic computer literacy

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. There is a \$49 fee for adults and no charge for high school students.
- 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 828-1216.
- Have a current American Heart Association CPR for the Healthcare Provider card.
- Provide transportation to clinical sites.
- Adult students must pay a \$22 liability insurance fee for clinicals.

Career Majors

Dental Assistant - 585 Hours* (High School)

Students in this major will learn how to perform patient care, front office and laboratory duties. They will practice infection control, use dental materials, perform dental charting and chairside functions. The major includes clinicals in a professional office. Core First Aid and Healthcare Provider CPR is included in this career major. This career major is for students who have an accredited Dental Assistant career major option available on their campus.

Certified Dental Assistant - 975 Hours * (Adult)

Students in this major will learn how to perform patient care, front office and laboratory duties for the dental office. They will practice infection control, use dental materials, perform dental charting and chairside functions. The major includes clinicals in a professional office. Core First Aid and Healthcare Provider CPR is included in this career major.

**Career major, courses and hours are subject to change without notice*

Tuition

No charge for high school students within Tulsa Tech District
Adult - \$2.50/hour*

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Books/Supplies

Additional costs approximately \$400 (subject to change)
Uniform required - approximately \$175
Lab fees - \$75 (no charge for high school students)

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College Credit

College credit is available for the majority of Tulsa Tech's full-time programs through Rogers State University, Oklahoma State University-IT or Tulsa Community College. Advanced standing credit may also be granted for some of our programs. The number of hours varies depending on the program length, the college granting the credit, and the student's plan of study. Check with your Tulsa Tech counselor for more information.

Credentials/Industry Certifications

To become a Certified Dental Assistant (C.D.A.), graduates of this program must:

- Have two years of full-time work experience (3,500 hours) as a dental assistant, along with a recommendation from the dentist employer
- Hold current CPR certification with the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross
- Pass the Dental Assisting National Board exam

Employment Opportunities

Dental assistant

Tulsa-Area Salary

\$11.23 - \$15.55/hour*

*Students obtaining full certification (s) often earn salaries toward the higher salary range.

Financial Aid

Scholarships are available for eligible students. Call 918.828.5280 or email financialaid@tulsatech.org. For the most up-to-date and complete information on scholarships and grants please visit www.tulsatech.edu.

Application Process

High school students see Tulsa Tech career counselor or sending school counselor.

Adults contact Tulsa Tech Admissions and Enrollment office at 918.828.5260, email admissions@tulsatech.org or check out our website at www.tulsatech.edu.

NOTE: Some programs have additional admissions criteria. For specific program requirements and applicable prerequisites, contact Admissions at 918.828.5260.

Courses by Career Majors

Dental Assistant - 585 Hours* (High School)

Core Healthcare Provider CPR and First Aid
Foundations of Dental Assisting
Dental Science (CDA-0159B)
Clinical Sciences for the Dental Assistant
Internship in the Dental Office (CDA-0110B)

Certified Dental Assistant - 975 Hours * (Adult)

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
Clinical Practice for the Dental Assistant I
Clinical Practice for the Dental Assistant II

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Tulsa Tech is accredited by the Oklahoma Department of Education, the Oklahoma Board of Career & Technology, & the North Central Association--Commission on Accreditation & School Improvement.

Also, where available, our programs are accredited by the specific industry standards associated with their industry.

To remain current with the demands of business and industry, curriculum is periodically revised. The revision may change the number of Tulsa Tech classes that apply toward the college credit. The number of credit hours identified in the agreement the year the student completes the class will determine the credit hours the student receives. Conditions are based on the actual agreements and are subject to change annually.