

Prepare for a Healthcare Career in **Dental Assisting**





WE ALL DREAM OF SUCCESS. OUR GOAL IS TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE IT.

Meet American Career College

With more than 45 years of experience in healthcare training and more than 70,000 graduates, ACC is here to help you make your goals a reality.

Our classes are modeled after real-life scenarios, using the same medical tools and equipment you'll use on the job. That way, you're prepared to jump in on your very first day. We provide education focused on real-world skills and knowledge, giving our students the opportunity to change their lives for the better.

What is a Dental Assistant?

Dental assistants are critical members of the dental office team. Dentists rely on assistants to perform a wide range of tasks, including obtaining dental records, sterilizing instruments, preparing patients for treatment, and handing materials to the dentist.¹

Dental assistants are often among the first people in the office or clinic to interact with a patient and play an essential role in ensuring patients are comfortable during their visit.¹

Program Overview

ACC's Dental Assisting program helps prepare you to work chairside assisting dentists, take dental x-rays, and help manage the dental office. **Weekend option available!**

Dental Assisting Skillset



Patient Care



Process X-Rays



Manage Equipment



Coronal Polishing



Crown/Molding

¹<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-assistants.htm#tab-1>

Dental Assisting Program

The Dental Assisting program is divided into eight learning units called modules. You may begin with any module without the prerequisite of another module. In the classroom and lab setting, you will get hands-on training using equipment comparable to that used in real dental facilities. Once you have completed all eight modules, you'll gain real-life experience through a 180-hour externship.

DA100

Clock Hours **80** | Quarter Credits **6**

Fundamentals of Dental Assisting*

This module is designed to introduce the student to the dental health team; ethics, jurisprudence, and expected levels of professionalism will also be addressed. The anatomy and physiology of the head and neck as it relates to the practice of dentistry is included. Use and care of dental equipment and the operator are emphasized. This module will also introduce the student to chart dental caries and restorations on both geometrical and anatomical charts. Infection control will be reviewed and practiced.

DA200

Clock Hours **80** | Quarter Credits **6**

Science of Dentistry*

This module is designed to introduce the student to the basic concepts and principles of microbiology as it pertains to dentistry. Special emphasis will be placed on the proper methods and ramifications of infection control issues including OSHA regulations and the disease transmission process. Periodontics theory and practice will be addressed. Infection control will be reviewed and practiced.

DA300

Clock Hours **80** | Quarter Credits **6**

Restorative Dentistry/Pharmacology*

This module is designed to introduce the student to various materials and instrumentation. The student will be exposed to the use and care of the Caries Detection Device. Pharmacology and drugs as they relate to dentistry will also be discussed. Infection control will be reviewed and practiced.

DA400

Clock Hours **80** | Quarter Credits **6**

Laboratory Procedures/Prosthodontics*

This module will address cultural differences and issues of diversity in the workplace. Students will study concepts related to cultural values and language diversity, as well as analyze programs and procedures for meeting the needs of diverse populations. Students will leave this module with an understanding of the various facets of multiculturalism, diversity issues, and various methods of preparing healthcare personnel to address diversity issues. The student will be exposed to, and practice with, a variety of impression materials as well as producing primary impressions. Theory and practice of permanent and removable prosthodontics will also be presented. Infection control will be reviewed and practiced.

DA500

Clock Hours **80** | Quarter Credits **6**

Pediatric Dentistry/Orthodontics*

This module emphasizes both the preventive and restorative techniques in pediatric/operative dentistry. Theory and practice in orthodontics will be introduced. Infection control will be reviewed and practiced.

DA600

Clock Hours **80** | Quarter Credits **6**

CPR/Preventive Dentistry*

This module is designed to give the student exposure to the principles and practices of preventing and controlling dental disease with emphasis on nutrition and plaque control. The student will receive basic training in standard first aid and in recognizing and dealing with medical emergencies. Exposure to sealant materials in the field of preventive dentistry will also be discussed. Infection control will be reviewed and practiced.

DA700

Clock Hours **80** | Quarter Credits **6**

Endodontics/Radiography*

Basic principles of dental radiology including theory and techniques will be presented. Emphasis will be placed on operation of the x-ray equipment, safety practices, mounting, and evaluation of dental films. Basic principles of head and neck anatomy, as well as radiographic anatomical landmarks, will be covered. Once the student has fulfilled the necessary program requirements, she/he will receive a state certificate to perform x-rays in the dental office. The specialty of Endodontics will be explored. Infection control will be reviewed and practiced.

DA800

Clock Hours **80** | Quarter Credits **6**

Oral Surgery/Anesthetics*

This module is designed to introduce the student to surgical procedures performed in dentistry. The student will also be exposed to the various methods and techniques of anesthesia. Infection control will be reviewed and practiced.

EXT-DA

Clock Hours **180** | Quarter Credits **7**

Externship

The externship courses give students the opportunity to demonstrate and reinforce the knowledge and skills presented and practiced throughout the training program. Prior to students going on an extern site, they must complete 20 hours of work site professionalism curriculum. This content builds upon the students ability to work well with others, finalize their resume, improve interviewing skills, and manage their time on their externship site. Externs work under the direct supervision of qualified personnel at the externship site and under general supervision of the College staff. Externs are evaluated by supervisory personnel and the evaluations are placed in the student's permanent record. Dental students must complete their externship training to fulfill program requirements.

PROGRAM TOTAL:

Clock Hours **820**
Quarter Credits **55**

*Courses delivered in a blended format, a combination of online and ground.

“ ACC just has a big team from the staff, the instructors, financial aid, the parking lot attendant, everyone. Every single member here has helped me one way or another to step up. I can honestly say it’s been the best thing I’ve done for my life. ” - LEYLAN L., DA '23

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Accreditation

ACC is institutionally accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES).
ABHES: 6116 Executive Blvd., Suite 730, North Bethesda, MD 20852, 301-291-7550 / www.abhes.org.

Student Outcome Information

Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES)

Los Angeles, Orange County, Ontario: <https://americancareercollege.edu/legal/abhes>

California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE)

Los Angeles: <https://americancareercollege.edu/uploads/School-Performance-Fact-Sheets-Los-Angeles-Campus-1.pdf>

Orange County: <https://americancareercollege.edu/uploads/School-Performance-Fact-Sheets-Orange-County-Campus.pdf>

Ontario: <https://americancareercollege.edu/uploads/School-Performance-Fact-Sheets-Ontario-Campus.pdf>

Program Costs

<https://americancareercollege.edu/catalog/current/financial-information/program-tuition-and-fees/diploma-programs-tuition>

O*Net Occupation Titles	SOC Code	Links to Occupational Profiles on O*Net
Dental Assistant, Registered Dental Assistant (RDA), Certified Dental Assistant (CDA), Orthodontic Assistant, Certified Registered Dental Assistant, Oral Surgery Assistant, Surgical Dental Assistant	31-9091.00	http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/31-9091.00
To obtain a list of the objective sources of information used to substantiate the salary disclosures, please refer to the California Employment Development Department website at: https://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/Occupational-Guides.html ACC provides career guidance and assistance but cannot guarantee employment. Programs lengths vary by schedule and session. The opinion is the individual's sole opinion and not necessarily representative of that of the school, any instructor or any other student.		

Location

Los Angeles, Orange County, and Ontario campuses

Duration

Approximately 10 months

Schedule

2 days a week on-campus, the rest online

Enrollment Requirements

Some of the admissions requirements include:

- Must be at least 18 or have a parent's or guardian's signature
- Must have a high school diploma or the equivalent
- Must take and pass entrance exams

Be sure to speak with an admissions advisor to get all the necessary information to apply for the Dental Assisting program.

Instructional Equipment

Here are some of the exciting tools you will get hands-on experience with: dental units and mobile stools, syringes, sterilizing equipment, dental radiography units (x-ray units), teaching mannequins, typodonts, digital imaging devices, dental instruments and instrument trays, anatomical tooth charts, air and water syringes, amalgamators, and ultrasonic cleaners

Curious to Learn More? Let's Connect

Discover how ACC's program helps set you on the path towards a rewarding career, **connect with an advisor** to learn more about the Dental Assisting program and explore financial aid options.

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