



Diploma DENTAL ASSISTING

Program available at the Fort Collins, Longmont and Colorado Springs, CO campuses

A career in Dental Assisting is ideal for individuals who are interested in delivering patient care and working in the healthcare field. Students will learn the clinical skills and administrative tasks that take place in a dental office, oral surgery center, or public healthcare facility. Students will be trained to work alongside dentists, assist with chairside procedures, interact with patients, perform equipment sterilizations and learn how to effectively operate state-of-the-art equipment used in a dental office setting.



Program Objective

This program is designed to provide students with the skills and knowledge that will qualify them for entry-level positions as Dental Assistants.

Dental Assistants are trained in both administrative and clinical procedures. The program offers training in dental assisting techniques, dental sciences, dental materials, dental radiography, specialty practices and office management.

Students complete a 5-week externship and graduate from the program eligible to sit for the Registered Dental Assistant Exam. The Registered Dental Assistant examination is administered by the American Medical Technologists (AMT), which is a nationally and internationally recognized certification agency and membership society for medical professionals.

Employment Outlook

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the occupation of Dental Assistants is projected to grow much faster than the average of all occupations through 2024 — **an employment increase of 18%.***

**These national statistics are not geographically assigned. For more information, please see IBMC's Career Services Department.*

Course Area / Minimum Credit Hours

BUSINESS / 4

(4) CMS111 Career Marketing Strategies

COMPUTER SKILLS / 3

(3) CIS110 Fundamental Computer Skills

DENTAL SKILLS / 45

(4) DAS110 Introduction to Dental Assisting

(4) DAS120 Dental Sciences I

(4) DAS125 Dental Sciences II

(3) DAS130 Preclinical Skills

(3) DAS140 Dental Materials

(3) DAS150 Dental Radiography I

(3) DAS155 Dental Radiography II

(3) DAS160 Clinical Skills I

(3) DAS165 Clinical Skills II

(4) DAS180 Dental Office Management

(4) DAS200 Dental Review

(5) DAS210 Externship

(2) EMG101 Basic CPR & First Aid Certification

GENERAL EDUCATION / 4

(4) PSY107 Psychology of Success

TOTAL CREDITS / 56

Instructor/Student Ratio:

- Theory class (non-dental): 1 instructor per 30 students
- Lab class (non-dental): 1 instructor per 16 students
- Theory class (dental): 1 instructor per 24 students
- Lab class (dental): 1 instructor per 12 students

Career Potential

The majority of Dental Assistants work in dental offices, though some may be employed by public healthcare facilities, oral care facilities, or speciality practices, such as oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, dentofacial orthopedics, endodontic, periodontics, prosthodontics, and pediatric dentistry clinics.