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.

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.

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.