



Diploma

DENTAL ASSISTING

Program available at the Fort Collins and Longmont 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 chair-side 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 / Career Potential

- Much faster than the average of all occupations through 2026 — **an employment increase of 19%.***
- 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.

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook: Dental Assistants. For more information, please see IBMC's Career Services Department.

→ Course Area / Minimum Credit Hours

BUSINESS SKILLS / 8

- (4) CMS111 Career Marketing Strategies
- (4) PSY107 Psychology of Success

DENTAL SKILLS / 32

- (4) DAS110 Introduction to Dental Assisting
- (4) DAS126 Dental Science Applications
- (3) DAS130 Preclinical Skills
- (3) DAS140 Dental Materials
- (3) DAS151 Dental Radiography
- (3) DAS160 Clinical Skills I
- (3) DAS165 Clinical Skills II
- (4) DAS180 Dental Office Management
- (5) DAS210 Externship

MEDICAL SKILLS / 8

- (4) MTA111 Medical Terminology & Basic Anatomy I
- (4) MTA112 Medical Terminology & Basic Anatomy II

TOTAL CREDITS / 48

TOTAL WEEKS / 40

Instructor/Student Ratio:

- Theory class: 1 instructor per 30 students
- Lab class: 1 instructor per 16 students



- Fort Collins
- Greeley
- Longmont

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