



Continuing Education - Certificate

EXPANDED DUTY DENTAL ASSISTING

Program available at the Fort Collins and Longmont campuses at select times

This course is good for those seeking continuing education in the field of dental assisting. Students will be trained in the Dental Practice Laws of Colorado, as well as basic dental principles and terminology — giving individuals a strong dental foundation.

→ Program Objective

This program is continuing education training for Dental Assistants in the field.

Graduates of this program will have the basic knowledge and skills to become a valuable member of the dental team. Students will be trained in the Dental Practice Laws of Colorado, basic dental principles and terminology.

The students will be able to describe and identify caries and cavity classifications, tooth morphology, cavity preparations, properties of amalgam, various esthetic restorative materials and procedures.

During labs, the students will demonstrate proficiency in the placement of bases and liners, etching, bonding, composite resin, and amalgam utilizing two- and four-handed dentistry. Students must also show proficiency in the carving and/or finishing of restorations. Each student is required to identify deficiencies in restorations and be able to describe what action(s) needs to be taken to correct the deficiency. Students will demonstrate to the instructor that he/she is proficient in Expanded Duties Dental Assisting by successfully completing a written and comprehensive competency evaluation.

Upon completion, the student will be eligible to perform expanded restorative skills under the supervision of a dentist.

→ 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

DENTAL / 40

(40) DA240 Expanded Duty Dental Assistant

TOTAL HOURS / 40

TOTAL WEEKS / 3