

Diploma DENTAL ASSISTING

Program offered at the Fort Collins campus.

Fort Collins
Greeley
Longmont



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 specialty 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.*

Instructor/Student Ratio

Theory class: 1 instructor per 30 students

Lab class: 1 instructor per 16 students

Course Breakdown

Total Credits: 64

Total Weeks: 50

Program Overview: Minimum Credit Hours, Course Area

Foundation Courses: 16 Credit Hours

4	PSY107	Psychology of Success
4	MTA111	Medical Terminology and Basic Anatomy I
4	MTA112	Medical Terminology and Basic Anatomy II
4	CMS111	Career Marketing Strategies

Foundation Courses may be available at alternate IBMC campuses

Online Courses: 16 Credit Hours

4	ENG121OL	English Communications
4	MTH120OL	College Mathematics
4	ETH150OL	Ethics in the Workplace
4	BUS112OL	Introduction to Business and Customer Service

Core Courses: 32 Credit Hours

4	DAS110	Introduction to Dental Assisting
4	DAS126	Dental Sciences 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

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- Foundation Courses
- Online Courses
- Core Courses

