

Dental Assisting

Compassionate and dedicated - the dentist's second set of eyes and extra pair of hands

Western Monroe & Orleans Counties
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Meet the requirements to become a Registered Dental Assistant and prepare for the New York State Professional Dental Assisting Examination. Gain 200 hours of clinical experience in local dental office rotations.

Units of Study

- Professional and legal aspects of dental assisting
- Preventative dentistry
- Nutrition
- Dental anatomy
- Infection control /hazardous waste
- Clinical dentistry and moisture control
- Instruments, hand pieces, and accessories
- Dental examination
- Patient care and emergency management
- Dental office management
- Digital radiography
- Dental materials
- Dental specialties
- Endodontics (Internship)
- Orthodontics (Internship)
- Oral & Maxillofacial (Internship)
- Periodontics (Internship)
- Prosthodontics (Internship)
- Oral Pathology (Internship)
- Dental Implants (Internship)
- Pediatric Dentistry (Internship)
- Computerized Impressions (Internship)

Integrated Academics

- English
- Science
- Health



Licensing / Industry- Based Certifications

- 10-hour OSHA certification
- Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED certification
- HIPAA Certification
- Preparation for NYS Dental Assisting certification
- Laser Safety Officer Certification

Work-Based Learning

CTE programs bring students into the workplace for real life experiences. Dental practices that support our Dental Assisting program:

- Adina Family Dental
- Affordable Dentures
- Arieno Dental Lab
- Aspen Dental
- Brockport Smiles
- Cornerstone Dental
- Crane Dental Laboratory
- Theodore Eckerman, DDS
- Fox Orthodontics
- Greece Family Dentistry and Implantology
- Hilton Family Dentistry
- Lang Family Dentistry
- Robert Lang, DDS
- Liberty Dental Arts
- Modern Family Dentistry
- Ogden Dental Group
- Pluta Dental Center
- Daniel Schiavone, DDS
- Weinstein Dental Group
- Western NY Dental



College Credits

MCC Dual Enrollment -
HED 130: Foundations of Personal Health and Wellness

Articulation Agreements

- Broome Community College
- SUNY Erie Community College

Career Paths

All CTE programs correlate to many career paths.

↓ **Start Here**

- Dental Assistant

Go Here ↓

with more education & experience

- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Office Manager
- Lab Technician
- Dentist

Explore more:

<https://www.careerzone.ny.gov/>
<https://www.onetonline.org/find/>

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Dental Assisting

Employability Profile

Work-Related Skills

Productivity and Accountability	_____
Follows procedures to meet expectations and deadlines	_____
Displays consistent work performance and quality of work	_____
Flexibility and Adaptability	_____
Works effectively in varied roles and responsibilities	_____
Responds well to and implements feedback	_____
Initiative and Self-Direction	_____
Identifies, prioritizes, and completes tasks without direct oversight	_____
Seeks to learn and develop new knowledge and skills	_____
Leadership and Responsibility	_____
Leverages strengths of others to accomplish a goal	_____
Takes ownership of one's work, performance, behavior, and actions	_____
Communication	_____
Articulates thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively through speaking and writing	_____
Practices active listening skills	_____
Collaboration	_____
Works effectively with others	_____
Open and responsive to new and diverse perspectives	_____
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving	_____
Asks questions to lead to better solutions	_____
Identifies possible options and their outcomes	_____

Preventive Dentistry

Demonstrates Bass tooth brushing method	_____
Demonstrates Scrub tooth brushing method	_____
Demonstrates C-Shape flossing	_____
Demonstrates the correct use of oral aids	_____
Assists during a sealant procedure	_____
Assists during a fluoride procedure	_____
Analyzes personal nutrition and apply it to personal oral health needs	_____

Clinical Dentistry

Seats and dismisses a patient	_____
Transfers dental instruments	_____
Demonstrates the appropriate method of oral evacuation	_____
Demonstrates methods of tooth isolation	_____
Demonstrates correct use of activity zones	_____

Infection Control & Hazardous Waste

Sanitizes instruments using the ultrasonic cleaner	_____
Sterilizes instruments using the autoclave	_____
Disinfects surfaces and equipment	_____
Demonstrates aseptic technique in the operatory and office areas	_____
Demonstrates proper use of a Sharp's Container	_____
Demonstrates correct disposal of hazardous waste	_____
Demonstrates correct use of personal protection equipment	_____
Successful completion of 10 hour OSHA	_____

Dental Examination

Obtains vital signs	_____
Records tooth conditions using geometric and anatomical charting	_____
Records periodontal conditions during period charting	_____
Records information on a patient's dental chart	_____

Laser Dentistry

Know the Fundamentals of lasers	_____
Demonstrate Laser safety	_____
Demonstrate proper laser infection control	_____
Demonstrate proper care for laser equipment	_____
Assists during a laser procedure	_____

Office Management

Basic knowledge of ADA Codes	_____
Electronic Dental Charting, Scheduling, Patient Registration, Treatment Planning	_____
Software and imaging	_____

Dental Radiography/Imaging

Exposes a full mouth series of radiographs	_____
Exposes bite-wing x-rays	_____
Mounts radiographs	_____
Processes radiographs using an automatic film processor	_____
Intraoral camera	_____
Digital Radiographs	_____

Restorative Procedures

Assists during a sealant procedure	_____
Assists during an amalgam restoration procedure	_____
Assists during a composite procedure	_____
Mixes dental cements	_____
Assembles a matrix band	_____
Assembles an aspirating syringe	_____
Assists during a crown & bridge procedure	_____
Assists during an endodontic procedure	_____
Assists during oral surgery	_____

Dental Laboratory Procedures

Take an alginate impression	_____
Take an elastomeric impression	_____
Create a tooth whitening tray	_____
Pours a diagnostic cast	_____
Trims models	_____

Professionalism

Maintain confidentiality in the dental setting	_____
Demonstrate ethical behavior in the dental setting	_____
Demonstrates appropriate workplace attire in the dental setting	_____

Oral Anatomy

Identifies tooth surfaces by names and location	_____
Identifies teeth by anatomical names and numbering systems	_____
Identifies the parts of the tooth & periodontium	_____
Identifies the major landmarks and structures of the face & oral cavity	_____
Identifies major muscles of the face and oral cavity	_____
Identifies the bones of the skull	_____

Instrumentation

Identifies by name basic dental instruments	_____
Identifies by name oral hygiene instruments	_____
Identifies by name restorative instruments	_____
Identifies by name endodontic instruments	_____
Identifies by name oral surgery instruments	_____
Identifies by name orthodontic instruments	_____
Identifies by name laser dentistry instruments and equipment	_____

Internship Experience

Shadow/Intern for 210 hours	_____
Shadow/Intern a Dental Hygienist for 12 hours	_____

Community Service

10 hours of volunteer work in the community	_____
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Orthodontic

Banding and Bracketing	_____
Fixed Removable Lingual Arch	_____