

Dental Assisting Technician Program with a Clinical Externship

Become a Dental Assistant

Dental Assisting Program prepares students for entry level positions in one of the fastest growing health care positions—Dental Assisting.

National Certification

This program meets the necessary requirements to take the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Radiology Health and Safety (RHS) Examination. We recommend you take the national exam and the exam cost is \$375 with a non refundable \$75 application fee.

Clinical Externship

As part of this Dental Assisting program, we recommend you participate in a 40 hour clinical externship.



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Course Contact Hours: 60 plus hours dependent on lab availability and full time or part time status Clinical Externship Hours: 40

The purpose of this course is to familiarize the student with all areas of pre-clinical dental assisting and provide training in the professional skills required to function as an assistant in the dental practice. This course covers the following key areas and topics – Administrative Aspects include: the history of dentistry and dental assisting; introduction to the dental office; the legal aspects of dentistry; policies and guidelines. Clinical Aspects include: introduction to oral anatomy; dental operator; dental equipment, introduction to tooth structure; primary and permanent teeth; the oral cavity and related structures; proper patient positioning; dental hand-pieces; sterilization; and other areas. In addition to entry-level administrative jobs, this course is ideal for students interested in pursuing a future formal Dental Hygienist program.

Full time students must attend class 20 hours per week and can complete the program in as little as four weeks. Part time students can take up 8-16 weeks. The hybrid option allows you to take the “classroom” portion remotely via pre-recorded and live webinar sessions. Students will be assigned to a clinical setting at a later date and upon completion of the training. Students who take an online course should be self-motivated to learn and have access to the internet. Upon registration, students will be mailed their materials. Labs will take place after March 30, 2021. Students will be assigned an externship placement.

An instructor is assigned to the course and a mentor is available for additional support. The synchronous instruction meets Mondays and Wednesdays. Materials are included as part of course tuition. You will receive an email regarding course instructions from our education partner within three days of registration to help you begin your course in advance of receiving your materials in the mail.

For additional information about classes, please contact Community Education, 617-228-2462 or email at commed@bhcc.edu

Registration: bhcc.edu/cce-catalog

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