

# DENTAL ASSISTANT

**Dental Assistant** provides students with the skills needed to obtain a responsible position in general or specialized dentistry. Students are instructed in areas such as: laboratory procedures, radiology, chair-side assisting, and dental office management.



## Program Highlights:

- Deliver quality patient care alongside dentists, dental specialists, hygienists, and office personnel
- Prepare patients, instruments, materials, and treatment areas for a wide range of dental procedures
- Use the same specialized equipment as practicing professionals within the dental laboratory, sterilization, and radiology labs

## The Program Focuses on the Following State Approved Courses:

- Medical and Dental Office Technology
- Oral Diagnosis and Treatment Planning
- Dental Technology
- Dental Radiography



## COST-FREE COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

### Articulated Credits through Owens Community College

- Up to 8 Credit Hours

## INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS (POINT VALUES)

- Commission of Ohio Dental Assistants Certification (CODA) – Ohio Certified Dental Assistant and Ohio State Dental Board – Dental Assistant Radiographer’s Certificate (12 Points)
- CPR First Aid (1 Point)

## SIMULTANEOUS CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

- Seniors have the opportunity to earn a simultaneous English 12 credit

## OHIO MEANS JOBS OCCUPATIONS LISTED ACCORDING TO TYPICAL SALARY

| OCCUPATION TITLE   | TYPICAL SALARY-BOTTOM 10% | TYPICAL SALARY-MEDIAN | TYPICAL SALARY-TOP 10% | EDUCATION LEVEL                 | ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Receptionists and Information Clerks   | \$18,740                  | \$25,570              | \$37,770               | HS Diploma or Equivalent        | 3,390               |
| Medical Secretaries*   | \$23,080                  | \$32,280              | \$44,610               | HS Diploma or Equivalent        | 5,280               |
| Dental Assistants*   | \$26,180                  | \$36,560              | \$54,500               | Postsecondary Non-degree Award  | 1,330               |
| Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products* | \$39,660                  | \$70,380              | \$129,060              | Bachelor’s Degree               | 2,000               |
| Dental Hygienists*   | \$52,690                  | \$68,100              | \$82,280               | Associate’s Degree              | 580                 |
| Dentists-General*  | \$84,800                  | \$175,780             | \$187,200              | Doctoral or Professional Degree | 150                 |

**JOB OUTLOOK COMPILED BY OHIO MEANS JOBS AS OF OCTOBER 2018; VISIT OHIOMEANSJOBS.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

\*Denotes an In-Demand Occupation in the State of Ohio

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**TECHNICAL CAREERS**

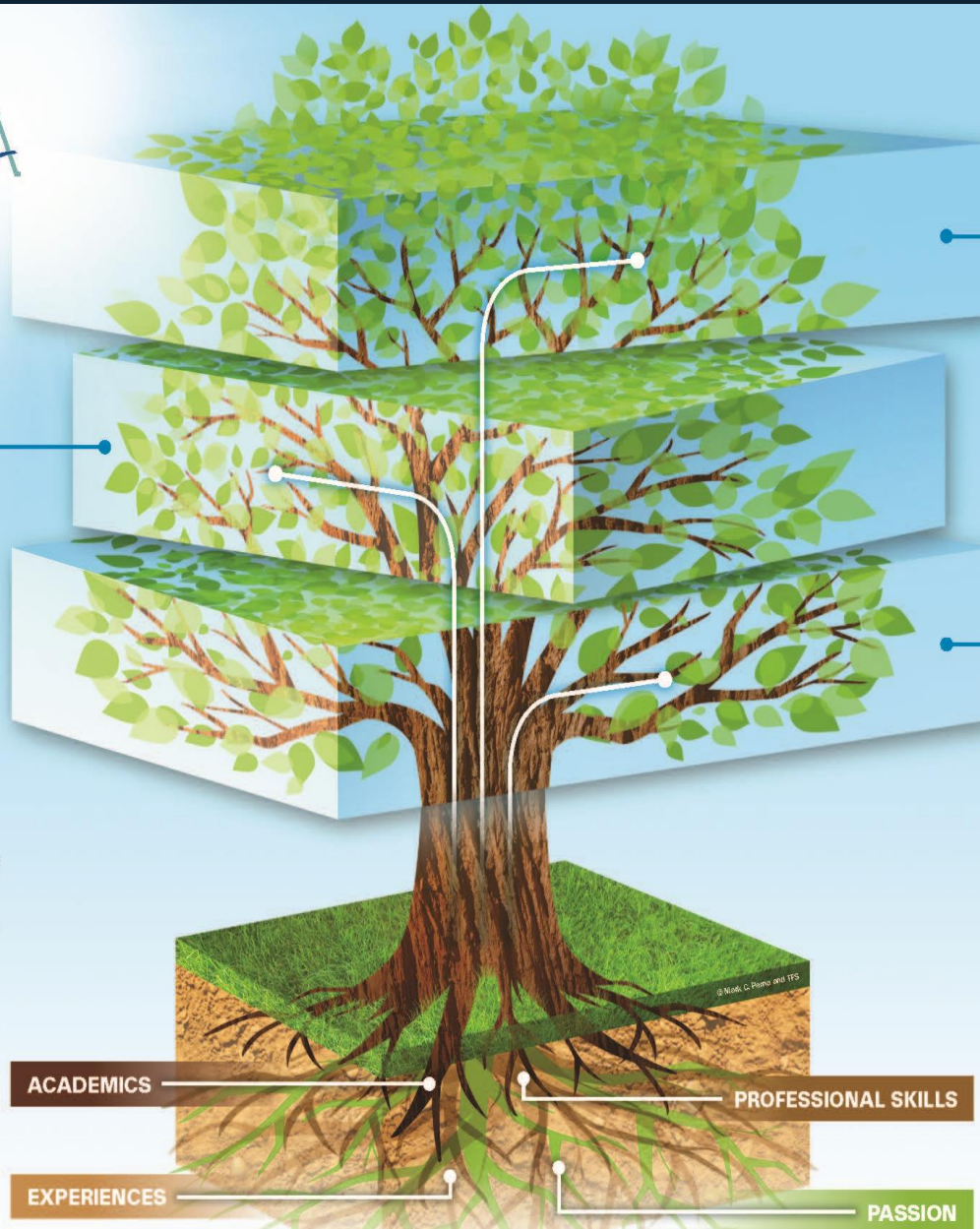
- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Lab Technician
- Expanded Functions Dental Assistant
- Dental Office Manager
- Dental Treatment Coordinator
- Coronal Polishing Assistant
- Nitrous Oxide Monitoring Assistant
- Dental Equipment Service Technician
- Dental Finance Coordinator
- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Assistant Instructor
- Dental Program Secretary

**PROFESSIONAL CAREERS**

- Dental Program Director
- Oral Pathologist
- Forensic Dentist
- General Dentist
- Endodontist
- Prosthodontist
- Periodontist
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon
- Dental Sales Representative
- Pediatric Dentist
- Dental Therapeutic Technician
- Orthodontist

**ENTRY-LEVEL CAREERS**

- Certified or Non-Certified Dental Assistant
- Sterilization Assistant
- Dental Receptionist
- Dental Insurance Biller
- Orthodontic Assistant
- Dental Radiographer
- Surgical Dental Assistant
- Pediatric Dental Assistant
- Dental Hygiene Assistant
- Dental Filing Clerk
- Dental Public Health Assistant, Mobile Dental Assistant
- Endodontic Assistant



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