

# DENTAL ASSISTANT

2020-2021



**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)

- American Medical Technologists (AMT) - Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) (6 Points)
- Commission of Ohio Dental Assistants Certification (CODA) – Ohio Certified Dental Assistant (6 Points)
- Ohio State Dental Board – Dental Assistant Radiographer’s Certificate (6 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
Dental Laboratory Technicians	\$25,750	\$42,010	\$66,690	HS Diploma or Equivalent	130
Dental Assistants*	\$27,400	\$38,820	\$58,740	Postsecondary Non-degree Award	1,330
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products*	\$37,610	\$79,490	\$157,300	Bachelor’s Degree	2,000
Dental Hygienists*	\$53,310	\$68,700	\$83,290	Associate’s Degree	580
Dentists-General*	\$72,920	\$184,990	\$187,200	Doctoral or Professional Degree	150

**JOB OUTLOOK COMPILED BY OHIO MEANS JOBS AS OF OCTOBER 2020; VISIT OHIOMEANSJOBS.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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

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**TECHNICAL CAREERS**

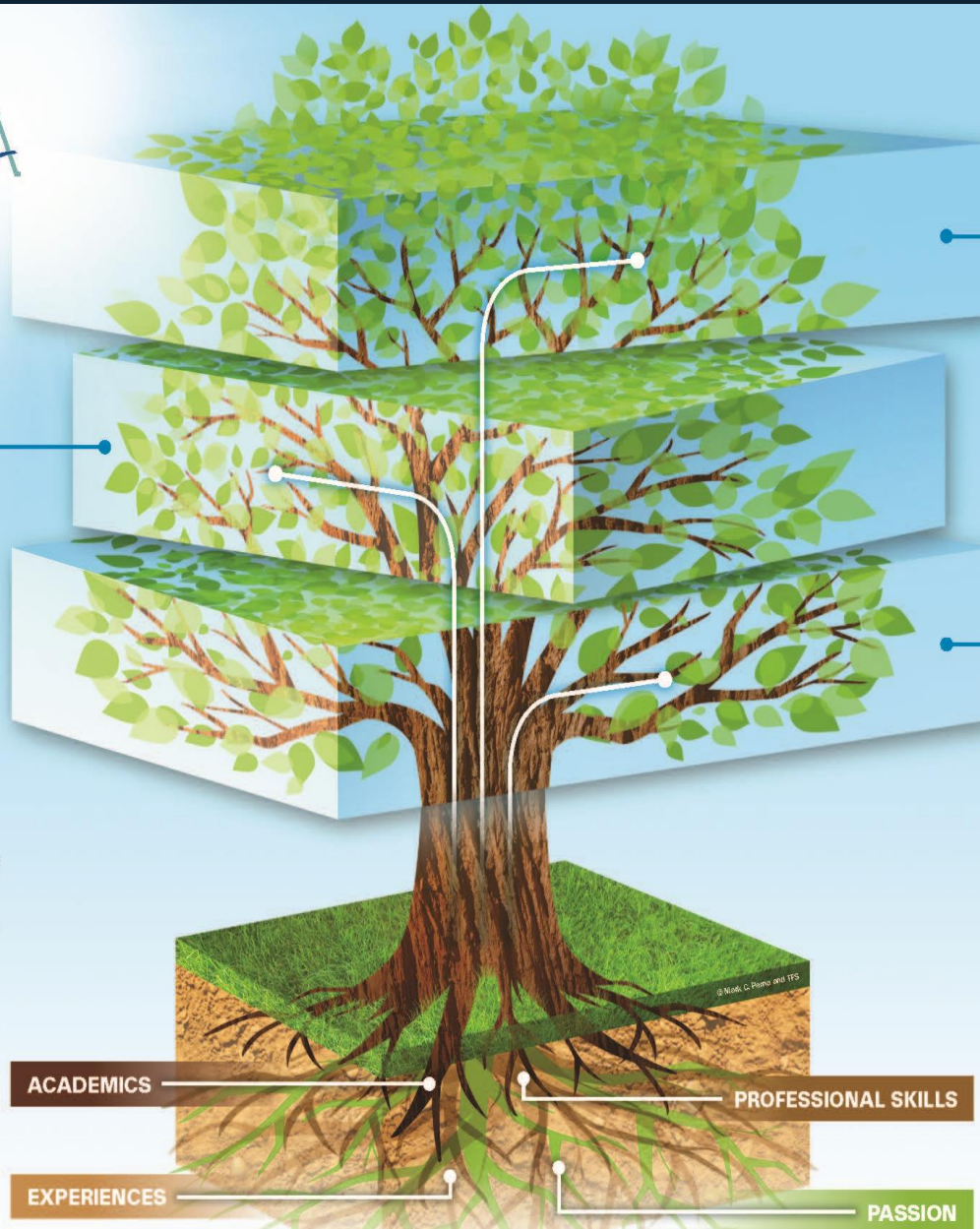
- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Lab Technician
- Expanded Functions Dental Assistant
- Dental Office Manager
- Dental Treatment Coordinator
- Coronal Polishing Assistant
- Nitrous Oxide Monitoring Assistant
- Dental Equipment Service Technician
- Dental Finance Coordinator
- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Assistant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