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

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<th>OCCUPATION TITLE</th>
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<td>Dental Laboratory Technicians</td>
<td>$26,540</td>
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DENTAL ASSISTANT

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

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

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