

START HERE FOR A GREAT CAREER

**High Desert**  
Medical College  
a Legacy Education Institution

*Hands-On Career Training  
for the Real World*

# DENTAL ASSISTING DIPLOMA PROGRAM

If you are organized, have great hand-to-eye coordination and enjoy working as a team, Dental Assisting may be for you. The Dental Assisting program at High Desert Medical College (HDMC) is a great place to begin and it only takes months to complete your diploma. HDMC helps ensure our students can enter the job market ready to go. Our Dental Assistant students are prepped for industry certifications through organizations such as the American Medical Certification Association (AMCA). We also provide our students with their X-ray Certification upon completion of the program.

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Total Weeks in Program: 34 Weeks - Morning/Afternoon | 42 Weeks - Evening

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Semester Credit Hours: 33.21 | Financial Aid Credits: 24

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Total Clock Hours: 910

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Classroom: 600 Hours | Clinical Externship: 160 Hours | Homework: 150 Hours

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## Career Highlights & Opportunity

As a Dental Assistant, you will perform administrative and clinical tasks to support dental offices. Tasks include interacting with patients, assisting the dentist or hygienist during exams and treatments, delivering X-rays and taking dental impressions and fabricating molds or crowns.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics ranks Dental Assistants among the fastest growing occupations over the 2016-2026 decade. Employment is projected to grow 19% – much faster than the average job ranking. As of 2016, Dental Assistants held about 332,000 jobs with an average salary of \$37,690 annually and career opportunities as not only a Dental Assistant but other occupations such as Office Manager, Patient Treatment Coordinator, Dental Billing and Dental Sales Representative.

## Accreditation & Approval

Accreditation and approval guarantees students, faculty and the public that the programs at HDMC meet objective and rigorous third-party standards of educational practices. Our institution is also Accredited by ACCET (Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training) and Licensed by BPPE (Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education).

## Dental Assisting Program Courses Include:

- Dental Anatomy
- Dental Assistant Procedures
- Chair Side Assisting
- Dental Radiology & Imaging
- Externship

## Why HDMC?

High Desert Medical College provides hands-on, comprehensive training that prepares you for a career in a broad scope of opportunities to give you better job options in the future. We offer day and night classes so that you can complete your program around your lifestyle. HDMC staff is qualified and caring with a focus on helping you to succeed providing real tools to thrive in your next work environment. High Desert Medical College provides job placement assistance to all qualified graduates. The college makes no claims guaranteeing employment upon graduation. Federal Financial Aid may be available to those who qualify.

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