

Program Information

DENTAL ASSISTANT



San Diego, CA

Program Overview

This program is designed to provide the graduate with necessary skills for entry-level employment as a chairside Dental Assistant and front office Dental Assistant. This program is approved by the Dental Board of California. Upon completion, the graduate is eligible to sit for the written and practical California State Board Examination to become a Registered Dental Assistant. Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing these examinations are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take these exams, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

Program Objectives

- Perform administrative duties and chairside assisting, advise patients on dental care as directed by the dentist, and respond to medical emergencies (CPR).
- Utilize proper sterilization techniques and infection control procedures as required by OSHA.
- Utilize principles of dental radiology to position, expose, process, and mount dental radiographs.
- Comply with the California Dental Practice Act and perform all dental assisting procedures allowed under the Dental Practice Act.
- Perform coronal polishing of the teeth and ultrasonic scaling in an orthodontic setting to remove cement around bands.
- Sit for the State Board Examination to become a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) and consequently perform RDA functions in the dental office.

Course List

DNTA1330CR	Dental Terminology & Operative Dentistry
DNTA1332CR	Chairside Assisting for General & Specialty Dentistry
DNTA1334CR	Dental Materials & Prevention
DNTA1336CR	Dental Assistant Regulations/Specialty Functions
DNTA1338CR	Registered Dental Assistant General Functions
DNTA1340CR	RDA Functions: Coronal Polishing, Ultrasonic Scaler & Dental Radiography
DNTA1342CR	Certification: Coronal Polishing, Ultrasonic Scaler & Dental Radiography
DNTA1344CR	Dental Practice Management
DNTA1346CR	Dental Assisting Externship

For course descriptions, a breakdown of credit hours and other program-specific information, please review the Campus Catalog on concorde.edu. To learn about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed programs, and other important information, visit concorde.edu/disclosures.