

Program Information

DENTAL ASSISTANT



San Antonio, TX

Program Overview

The purpose of the Dental Assistant program is to provide students with sufficient theoretical knowledge and practical skills to perform efficiently in a professional capacity in an entry-level position. This program includes courses covering management skills, appointment scheduling, laboratory procedures, maintenance of patient records, chairside assistance, instructing patients in proper oral hygiene and assisting in the selection, placement and removal of rubber dam, sutures, and periodontal packs. The Dental Assistant is a valuable member of the dental healthcare team. The Dental Assistant's responsibilities may include preparing patients for procedures, maintaining treatment planning records, exposing and processing dental x-rays with patients, reviewing oral hygiene and postoperative care instructions, performing laboratory work, and managing such essential functions as inventory control, infection control, and OSHA compliance. The Dental Assistant may also be called on to assist in the business office with filing records, preparing insurance reports, maintaining records on the computer, and scheduling appointments. A diploma will be issued upon successful completion of the program.

Program Objectives

Upon completion of the program, students will be eligible to:

- Utilize proper sterilization techniques and infection control procedures as required by OSHA.
- Advise patients on dental care as directed by the dentist.
- Perform administrative front office duties.
- Utilize principles of dental radiology to position, expose, process, and mount dental radiographs after certification.
- Sit for the exam offered by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) for their Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) certification.
- Respond to medical emergencies, including basic life support.

Course List

CPSO1001*	Career Path Success A
CPSO1002*	Career Path Success B
CPSO1003*	Career Path Success C
CPSO1004*	Career Path Success D
CPSO1005*	Career Path Success E
CPSO1006*	Career Path Success F
DNTA1331	Introduction to Dental Assisting and Dental Terminology
DNTA1333	Dental Specialties
DNTA1335	Materials and Procedures
DNTA1337	Patient Care and Management
DNTA1339	Diagnostics and Orthodontics
DNTA1341	Dental Radiology
DNTA1201	Externship I
DNTA1202	Externship II

**These courses are offered online*

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.