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PROGRAM GUIDE

Applied Studies Division

Dental Assisting Certificate

- Dental Assisting
One-year Certificate

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Dental Assisting Certificate



Dental assistants are multiskilled health professionals who work with the dentist and the patients to perform clinical and administrative duties.

Clinical duties include performing chairside procedures, assisting with exams and radiography (X-rays), and educating patients. Administrative duties include phone triage, office management, scheduling and checking in patients, medical coding, billing insurance and bookkeeping.

Career Opportunities

Dental assistants are in high demand.

Employment of dental assistants is projected to grow 11% through 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations. The aging population and ongoing research linking oral health to general health will lead to continued increases in the demand for preventive dental services (Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, bls.gov). Entry-level pay is \$13 per hour, or about \$27,400 per year; median salary in Ohio, is \$19 per hour, or about \$39,000 (Source: <https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/ExploreIt/CareerDetails>)

Dental assistants work for independent dentists, hospital dental clinics and dental mobile units. They may also work in dental specialties such as pediatrics, orthodontics, oral surgery, periodontal, public health, prosthodontics and endodontics.

Most dental assistants work regular day hours in a dental practice. Some work part-time or Saturdays only.

The Lakeland Advantage

- Classroom experience includes a brand-new, state-of-the-art instructional facility with dental office equipment.
- Students will have pre-clinical time in the hygiene clinic.
- Students will do 240 hours of externship at various dental offices in the community.
- Students are required to sit for the Certified Ohio Dental Assistants Examination in Columbus, Ohio.

For more information

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Dental Assisting Certificate/Area of Specialization (3265)

The goal of the program is to prepare competent entry-level dental assistants' in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains. Dental assistants are multi-skilled health professionals specifically educated to work in performing administrative and clinical duties. The practice of dental assisting directly influences the public's health and well being, and requires mastery of a complex body of knowledge and specialized skills requiring both formal education and practical experience that serve as standards for entry into the profession.

Administrative dental office responsibilities may include telephone triage, updating and filing patient medical records, scheduling appointments, billing, and bookkeeping. Clinical duties may include taking vital signs, medical histories, preparing patients for examination, instructing patients, performing chairside, radiography, and mixing dental materials as required by the dentist.

All students enrolled in a nursing or allied health program/certificate must complete a criminal background check. In accordance with clinical site requirements, students with a criminal record may be ineligible to participate in a clinical course/rotation/practicum. Delays, for any reason, in obtaining background results may cause an interruption in the clinical rotation sequence or inability to complete program requirements. Additional background screening may be required by individual facilities.

Drug testing may be requested in accordance with clinical affiliation requirements and/or for patient/student health and safety.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 and a 'C' grade or higher is required in all science and program-specific courses for graduation.

Admission Procedures

Students must meet specific admission requirements for this program and are advised to meet with a counselor and the program director.

Listed below are requirements for admission to the Dental Assisting certificate program:

- Complete college application
- Complete college placement test or meet test exemption requirements
 - Composite score of 21 or higher on the American College Test (ACT) or combined score of 940 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)
- Place into MATH 0850 (<https://catalog.lakelandcc.edu/search/?P=MATH%200850/>) Beginning Algebra or successfully completed MATH 0745 (<https://catalog.lakelandcc.edu/search/?P=MATH%200745/>) Essential Skills for Algebra
- Place into ENGL 1110 (<https://catalog.lakelandcc.edu/search/?P=ENGL%201110/>) English Composition I (A) or ENGL 1111 (<https://catalog.lakelandcc.edu/search/?P=ENGL%201111/>) English Composition I (B) or successfully completed ENGL 0111 (<https://catalog.lakelandcc.edu/search/?P=ENGL%200111/>) Fundamentals of College Literacy
- Applicants must meet with the program director and counselor to review the program prerequisites and requirements

Admission Procedures' Notes

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Applicants who have completed the requirements for admission will be accepted into the program on a space-available basis.

Dental Assisting Practicum requires students to be at least 18 years of age and have graduated from high school prior to beginning practicum hours.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Semester		
DAST 1100	Introduction to Dental Assisting	2
ENGL 1110 or ENGL 1111	English Composition I (A) ¹ or English Composition I (B)	3
HLTH 1215	Medical Terminology for Health Professions	3
HLTH 1238	Structure, Function, Disease, and Therapeutics of the Human Body	4
	Credit Hours	12

Second Semester

DAST 1120	Dental Science and Oral Pathology	3
DAST 1130	Chairside I	3
DAST 1140	Dental Materials I	2
DAST 1150	Infection Control	2
DAST 1200	Radiography	3
Credit Hours		13

Third Semester

DAST 1210	Practice Management	2
DAST 1220	Dental Materials II	3
DAST 1230	Chairside II	2
HLTH 1400	Customer Service and Healthcare	2
MDAS 1150	Medical Office Insurance and Reimbursements	3
Credit Hours		12

Fourth Semester

DAST 1310	Dental Assisting Seminar	1
DAST 1320	Dental Assisting Practicum	3
Credit Hours		4
Total Credit Hours		41

¹ English course selection is based on placement test results (ENGL 1111 English Composition I (B) is 4 credits, only 3 credits apply to the certificate).

Quality Education

Professors at Lakeland are experts in their fields with real-world experience. Lakeland prepares you for a high-demand career or for transfer to a four-year college or university. Access to bachelor's and graduate degrees is available on campus from partner institutions through Lakeland's Holden University Center (lakelandcc.edu/uc).

Affordable Tuition

Lakeland's tuition is about one-third the cost of most four-year schools. More than 50 percent of Lakeland students receive some form of financial assistance (lakelandcc.edu/tuition).

Convenience

Lakeland offers convenient day, evening, weekend and online courses (lakelandcc.edu/schedule).

Focus on Students

Lakeland offers a variety of student services to help you succeed, such as counseling, tutoring, computer labs, career services, free parking and affordable child care.

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Apply online: lakelandcc.edu/apply

Accreditation

Lakeland Community College is accredited through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and participates in the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP). The Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1413, phone: 800.621.7440, hlcommission.org.

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