

As an expanded function dental assistant, you will take and process X-rays, take impressions for study models, fabricate temporary crowns, do fluoride treatments and place sealants. As a dental assistant you may work in a private dental office or in a dental clinic, and you can work full- or part-time.

You'll get hands-on work experience at HCC's state-of-the-art dental clinic on the Dale Mabry Campus. The clinic and local offices give HCC students actual work experience prior to completing the program.



HEALTH SCIENCES Dental Assisting



As a dental assistant, you will assist the dentist in treating and examining patients by preparing and sterilizing dental instruments, and passing the dentist the proper instrument at the right time.

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You will be prepared to take the Dental Assisting National Board exam upon successfully completing HCC's program. Passing the exam earns you the Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) designation. You must take 12 hours of continuing education every year to maintain your professional credentials.

HCC's dental assisting program leads to a post-secondary adult vocational (PSAV) certificate. If you attend full-time, it will take you one year to complete the program. PSAV certificates are awarded for completion of a specified course or study designed to prepare individuals for employment in a specific job in business or industry. Some dental assisting courses work may articulate into college credit when you are accepted and enrolled in a Florida community college dental hygiene program.



Been thinking about what to do with the rest of your life?

If you're ready to graduate from high school or want to make a career change, **think about a career in Health Sciences.** Completion of a program can position you to enter the work force as a true professional.

Demand is high. Salaries are great. You have an opportunity to make a difference. Work hours may be flexible.

For many of the programs, admission is competitive. There are courses you must take before you apply, and there is a background check and a drug screen. Many of the programs are accredited by national boards, and you must pass a licensing examination prior to being employed.

Check out each program on the department's website (www.hccfl.edu/depts/healthsci).

At HCC you will find:

- Small classes
- Individual attention from professors who know your name
- Convenient locations
- Low cost



Dental assisting classes include dental anatomy and physiology, orthodontics, pharmacology, dental materials, radiology, office management, and expanded functions.

The dental assisting program is offered at the Dale Mabry Campus which is HCC's largest campus. It is located at Dale Mabry Highway and Tampa Bay Boulevard, across the street from Raymond James Stadium. You are invited to "tour" the campus by visiting www.hccfl.edu/dalemabry/dalemabry.htm.



There is no deadline for application.

Applications are accepted for January, May and August entry. When there are more applicants than positions available in the program, applicants are admitted based upon overall grade point average ranking. Applicants who have not taken collegiate course work are ranked according to CPT scores until all positions in the class are taken. There is no admissions waiting list at HCC.

HCC's dental assisting program is accredited by the American Dental Association. You must have a standard high school diploma or GED to enroll at HCC.

Visit our website for more information - www.hccfl.edu/depts/healthsci. Once you are at the Health Sciences Division's homepage, select Health Sciences Booklet for admissions information and Dental Assisting for program information. The Health Sciences Application, available at the website, must be completed and submitted.



The demand for dental assistants in this area is very high. Career options include full-time and part-time positions. Jobs are available in private dental offices in these specialty areas: general practice, orthodontics, periodontics, pediatric dentistry, oral surgery and endodontics. Other potential employers include dental clinics in correctional facilities, on military bases and in public health centers.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, health care is one of the fastest growing industries with employment opportunities increasing dramatically through this century. There are several reasons for the need for health sciences professionals. First, people are living longer; therefore, they require more ongoing and specialized medical treatment. Geriatric health care providers will be in demand in retirement communities, senior citizen centers, acute living facilities, home care settings, hospitals, clinics, and private practices. Expansion of new technology, organ transplantation,

and genetic engineering will also continue the increase in the need for professionals in health care fields. Finally, availability of procedures outside of traditional hospital and office settings will greatly impact the industry as more people use outpatient clinics, surgery centers, HMOs, and mobile offices for treatment options.

Students in HCC's dental assisting program receive an exceptional education experience that combines rigorous classroom and laboratory study with clinical experiences. Graduates are able to sit for their professional certification examination because the program is accredited by the American Dental Association. As you might expect, job placement rates and starting salaries are high in the profession of dental assisting.

Interested students must follow a special application procedure to be considered for HCC's dental assisting programs. You may request a packet of information, including an application, be sent to you by calling 813.253.7231. Also visit the HCC (www.hccfl.edu) and the health sciences website (www.hccfl.edu/depts/healthsci) for more information. You may contact an advisor or counselor on any campus to discuss your situation and to get assistance in the application process. Don't delay. If you have any questions about the admissions process or the status of your application, please contact health sciences admissions in the student services department at the Dale Mabry Campus.



As a dental assistant, you'll assist the dentist during a variety of procedures. You'll also have the most comprehensive duties in the dental office. You'll process X-rays, fabricate temporary crowns, take impressions for models, place sealants, polish teeth, place fluoride treatments and oral surgical dressings, place and remove rubber dams and temporary restorations, chart oral conditions, instruct the patient on oral home care and keep the office in compliance with OSHA and Bloodborne pathogens mandates.