

Dental Assistant

Dental assistants provide supporting and assisting services under the instruction and supervision of a dentist. Dentists rely greatly on the skill of a dental assistant as their "third hand" to perform safe and accurate work. Clinical duties include: helping to manage the dental office, preparing patients for treatment, passing the dentist the proper instruments, polishing teeth, charting patient treatment, exposing dental radiographs, sterilizing and disinfecting instruments, providing oral hygiene instructions, preparing dental materials, taking impressions and making casts of the teeth.

Dental Assisting Program Goals:

Demonstrate an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a dental assistant including but not limited to collecting diagnostic data, infection control, radiographic procedures, restorative procedures, and laboratory procedures.

