

Dental Assisting Program

Dental Assisting

- We are happy that you are interested in a career as a Dental Assistant.



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- **This general information session is designed to provide you with important information regarding the Dental Assisting Program at A-B Tech and to assist you in making an informed decision concerning your future career options.**

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Application and Admissions Process

- ***This information is available on the A-B Tech Web site at:***

<https://abtech.edu/document/2023-fall-application-criteria-dental-assisting-program>

INFORMATION ON A-B TECH WEBSITE

- [*https://abtech.edu/programs/academic/dental-assisting*](https://abtech.edu/programs/academic/dental-assisting)

- Program goals
- Program cost estimate
- Schedule of classes
- Course transferability
- Dental Assisting Delegable Functions
- Gainful employment statistics
- Dental Assisting Technical Standards
- Accreditation Statement

Traits of the Profession

- **Desire to Work in Healthcare with Direct Patient Contact.**

1. Critical Thinker
2. Goal Oriented
3. Organized
4. Respectful
5. Honest
6. Conscientious
7. Presentable
8. Motivated
9. Enthusiastic
10. Multitasker



Dental Assisting Functional Abilities

- **Essential Physical & Psychological Qualifications**
- ***This document is available on the A-B Tech Web site at:***
- **<https://abtech.edu/future-students/admissions-overview/program-technical-standards>**

DEPARTMENT POLICIES ARE FOUND IN THE DENTAL ASSISTING HANDBOOK

- Policies and Procedures address expectations around program completion:
 - Retention – grade of ‘C’ or higher to progress from one semester to another
 - Separation – include but not limited to
 - Failure to receive passing grade, dishonesty, noncompliance with policies and procedures, mental and/or physical abuse, failure to attend class/lab/clinic as directed, failure to adhere to HIPAA regulations, dismissal from clinical site.
- Students are required to read the Program Policy and Procedures section.
- Students are required to sign the Policy and Procedures Compliance document contained in the handbook.

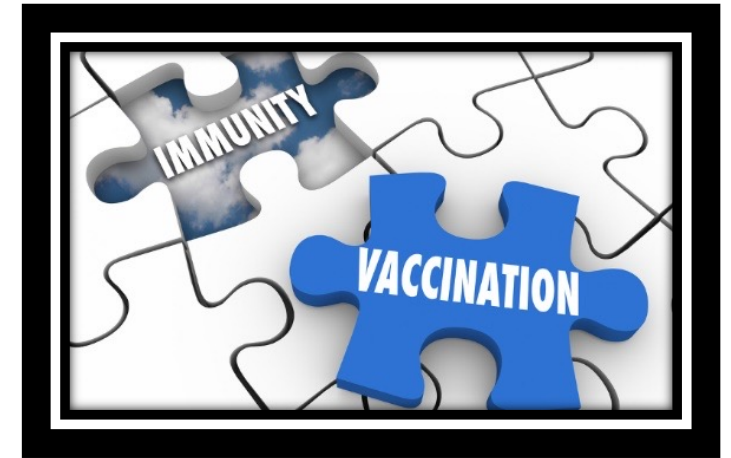
ONLINE READINESS REQUIREMENTS

- Smarter Measure Online Readiness Assessment and steps taken to gain eligibility to enroll in 100% online class
- Processes are in place to verify that the identity of the student who registers for the course is the one who participates in, completes, and receives academic credit for the course.
- **ALL DEN courses have online components**
 - Computer Access, Mozilla Firefox Browser
 - Internet Access
 - Microsoft Word / PowerPoint
 - Check A-B Tech e-mail daily for updates
 - Smartphones are NOT compatible
 - College level grammar/spelling
 - Writing Center services are available

Immunizations, Physical/Dental Exam, CPR



CASTLEBRANCH ONLINE COMPLIANCE TRACKING



- Required Immunizations
 - See program specifics
- Required CPR for Healthcare Providers
- NCCCS Medical Form
- Medical Consult for Dental Assisting Students Form
- Dental Examination Form

Dental Assisting

- Designated
 - Uniforms
 - Shoes
 - PPE's



Occupational Hazards/Risks

- Students who enter the Dental Assisting Program have the potential of being exposed to the following occupational hazards/risks: Bloodborne pathogens, ionizing radiation, various hazardous chemicals and musculoskeletal disorders. All Dental Assisting Students will be expected to adhere to all institutional Bloodborne Pathogen and safety policies.



Course Sequencing

- The sequence of courses in the catalog and on your education plan should be followed exactly. The Program Chair creates the education plans for each semester.
- Program Chair certifies your “readiness” to take the National Certification Exam.
- American Dental Association (ADA) requires expertise of the Program Administrators to determine who is qualified.

Dental Assisting National Board

- National Exam has three components:
 - General Chairside
 - Radiation Health and Safety
 - Infection Control
- Criminal background questions on application and background checks may be performed by employer and may prevent employment if found to have a felony conviction on record.

Accreditation







- A-B Tech Dental Assisting Program is accredited by:
 - American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)
 - Last report 2019
 - Next report 2026

Dental Assisting- A Rewarding Career




- Jobs are in demand
- Competitive pay
- Medical Insurance
- Bonus plan
- Uniform allowance
- CE allowance





Other Allied Health Programs

Program	Highlights
Cardiovascular Sonography and Medical Sonography   Cardiovascular Sonography Medical Sonography	Sonographers use high frequency sound waves to produce dynamic visual images of organs, tissue, and blood flow. The program provides the individual with the knowledge and skills necessary to acquire, process and evaluate abdominal and pelvic organs, pregnancy, cardiac and vascular structures. Sonographers learn the normal appearance of organs and the different pathologies that can affect the structures that are examined. Sonography requires an in-depth understanding of clinical signs, symptoms and laboratory information associated with pathologies. The job outlook for 2021-2031 is 10% (faster than average) according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Dental Assisting 	One-year diploma program 100% employment rate Work alongside the dentist during fillings, extractions, crowns, root canals, etc., or can work in specialty offices
Dental Hygiene 	Employment of dental hygienists is projected to grow 9 percent from 2021 to 2031. Employment offers exciting and rewarding career opportunities. 100% employment rate 2-year program
Medical Laboratory Technology 	100% ASCP pass rate. 100% employment rate. Accredited by NAACLS, ensuring the highest standards of quality and excellence in education. Work in the laboratories of hospitals, doctor offices, research, and reference labs.
Occupational Therapy Assistant 	OTAs work with the entire population from newborns to hospice care with all different types of disabilities and challenges to participate in everyday life activities. Under the supervision of an Occupational Therapist, OTAs focus on providing treatments that help people with physical, psychological, and social needs to rebuild skills, health wellness, and functional independence in their homes and communities. Employment for OTAs is projected to grow 27% from 2018 to 2028.



Program	Highlights
Radiography 	Radiographers are the 3rd largest group of health care professionals. 100% ARRT certification test pass rate 100% employment rate Accredited by the JRCERT, the "gold standard" for excellence in education. Radiographers use X-rays to take pictures of the human body.
Surgical Technology 	100% pass rate on the national credentialing exam 100% employment rate 100% employer and graduate satisfaction Surgical technologists are the only formally educated perioperative professional in an operating room. Surgical technologists establish, prepare, and maintain the surgical field working alongside a surgeon assisting with surgical procedures.
Veterinary Medical Technology 	Assist veterinarians in surgery, perform laboratory, radiographic, anesthetic, and dental procedures while providing high-quality veterinary nursing care. Accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA). Our graduates are highly sought after in our local veterinary community, with over 50 partnered practices and a 100% employment rate.



Program	Highlights
Medical Assisting 	One of the nation's fastest-growing careers through 2030. Medical assistants are multi-skilled health professionals specifically educated to work in a variety of healthcare settings performing clinical and administrative duties, e.g., basic laboratory tests, draw blood, give injections, prepare/administer medications, remove sutures, assist the physician during the exam, schedule appointments, billing, and bookkeeping. Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Allied Health Education Programs
Phlebotomy 	16-week program: 8 weeks in class and 8 weeks in clinical #2 program in the Nation



Appreciate Your Interest and Time

Dental Assisting Information Session Assessment

1. Where can students find the information on program goals and cost estimates?
2. Where are the program policies and procedures found within the department?
3. Are any of the dental assisting courses online?
4. Is CPR required for dental assistants?
5. Who can certify the student's readiness for taking the national certification exam?

