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Dental Assisting

This curriculum prepares individuals to assist the dentist in the delivery of dental treatment and to function as integral members of the dental team while performing chair-side and related office and laboratory procedures.

Course work includes instruction in general studies, biomedical sciences, dental sciences, clinical sciences, and clinical practice. A combination of lecture, laboratory, and clinical experiences provide students with knowledge in infection/hazard control, radiography, dental materials, preventive dentistry, and clinical procedures.

Graduates of this program may be eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board Examination to become Certified Dental Assistants. As Dental Assistant IIs, defined by the dental laws of North Carolina, graduates work in dental offices and other related areas.

This program is accredited by:

American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)

211 East Chicago Avenue

Chicago, IL 60611

Phone: (800) 232-6108

coda.ada.org

Specific Admission Requirements

This program has a selective admission process. For application and admission requirements, contact advising@abtech.edu and view the information on our website at <https://www.abtech.edu/admissions/selective-and-limited-programs>.

Total Cost Estimate

Tuition per Semester (NC Resident)	\$1,216.00 (16+ credit hours) \$76.00/credit hour (1-15 hours)
Computer Use and Technology Fee	\$48/semester
Activity Fee	Fall and Spring semesters only, Main campus and Online, \$45.00
CAPS Fee (Campus Access, Parking and Security)	\$30/semester
Matriculation Fee	\$25/semester
Student Insurance	\$2/Semester

Additional Fees including books may incur, please check A-B Tech website for more detail: <https://abtech.edu/program/dental-assisting-diploma-diploma-cost-estimate>

Have you applied for Financial aid? Please visit A-B Tech website for instructions: <https://abtech.edu/future-students/financial-aid/applying-aid>

Courses requiring a grade of "C" or better: ACA, BIO, DEN

	Course Prefix	Course Name	Credit Hours
First Semester (Fall)	ACA 115	Success and Study Skills	1
	DEN 100	Basic Orofacial Anatomy	2
	DEN 101	Preclinical Procedures	7
	DEN 103	Dental Sciences	2
	DEN 111	Infection/Hazard Control	2
	DEN 112	Dental Radiography	3
Second Semester (Spring)	COM 120	Intro Interpersonal Communications	3
	DEN 102	Dental Materials	4
	DEN 104	Dental Health Education	3
	DEN 105	Practice Management	2
	DEN 106	Clinical Practice I	6
Third Semester (Summer)	BIO 161	Intro to Human Biology	3
	DEN 107	Clinical Practice II	5
	PSY 150	General Psychology	3
Program Totals:			46

For students planning to pursue a Dental Hygiene AAS, BIO 163 is recommended in place of BIO 161.

Advising questions? Email: advising@abtech.edu

Career Opportunities in Dental Assisting

Diploma National Salary Range: \$44,800 - \$59,200
Local Salary Range: \$47,100-\$51,500

Private and group practices, Health Department, V.A. Clinics, State Schools, Dental schools and others.

Salaries may vary based on size of business and other factors.

For More Information:

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