

Dental Assisting

Health immunizations and uniform required

Toms River Center

2 Year Program

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This program prepares students to become competent dental assistants. It provides a solid foundation for basic and advanced clinical skills to include chairside assisting and specialty areas.

Related Job Titles

Administrative Assistant
Certified Dental Assistant
Registered Dental Assistant
Dental Hygienist
Dental Laboratory Technician

Skills You Will Learn

- CPR (2nd year)
- Dentrax software
- Infection Control
- Obtaining a patient's medical history
- Developing/mounting dental x-rays
- Performing procedural tray set-ups
- Chairside assisting/four handed dentistry
- Passing instruments throughout procedures
- Moisture control during procedures
- Mixing dental materials
- Pouring laboratory models
- Instrument processing and sterilization
- Skills and techniques used as a Registered Dental Assistant

Preferred Skills for Career Field:

You should prefer:

- Activities involving direct contact with people
- Activities involving practical (hands-on) skills

You should be able to:

- Multitask
- Communicate well
- Follow specific instructions
- Pay attention to detail
- Use a keyboard for data entry
- Display professional conduct and appearance

Career Ladder

Students may climb the dental health career ladder by passing state and national board examinations. DANB the Dental Assisting National Board administers the following board *examinations*: Infection Control (ICE), Radiation Health and Safety (RHS), Certified Dental Assistant (CDA), and Registered Dental Assistant (RDA). Second year students can take the infection control board examination (ICE).

Future licensure options:

NJ State of Environmental Protection

- Dental Radiology License

Dental Assisting National Board

- Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)

NJ State Dental Board

- Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)

Continuing Education:

Ocean County Vocational Technical School
Camden County College
Middlesex County College
Rowan College at Burlington County
University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ

Upon successful completion of this two-year program, students will have the opportunity to take a portion of the DANB CDA exam.