

DENTAL ASSISTING 51.0600.00

Program Description, Industry Credentials, Coherent Sequence, and Teacher Certification Requirements

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The **Dental Assisting** program prepares students to provide patient care, conduct dental radiographs (x-ray photographs), prepare patients and equipment for dental procedures, and discharge office administrative functions under the supervision of dentists and dental hygienists. The **Dental Assisting** program includes instruction in medical recordkeeping, general office duties, reception and patient intake, scheduling, equipment maintenance and sterilization, basic radiography, pre- and post-operative patient care and instruction, chairside assisting, performing tooth and mouth impressions, and supervised practice.

The **Dental Assisting** program is designed and delivered as a coherent sequence of school-based and work-based supervised learning. The Professional Skills developed by business and industry leaders across Arizona are integrated throughout the program. The **Dental Assisting** students develop leadership, social, civic, and career skills through participation in the Career and Technical Student Organization HOSA (Future Health Professionals).

The **Dental Assisting** instructional program prepares students for entry-level employment, further training, and/or post-secondary education for these and other occupations: Dental Assistant, Dental Specialty Assistant, and Dental Administrative Assistant

INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS

Review the [Current CTE Credential List](#) for approved A-F CCR and are CTED eligible for the **Dental Assisting** instructional program.

COHERENT SEQUENCE

51.0600.10 - Dental Assisting I, **and**

51.0600.20 - Dental Assisting II, **and program may elect to add:**

51.0600.25 - Dental Assisting III, **or**

51.0600.40 - Dental Assisting IV, **or**

51.0600.70 - Dental Assisting – DCE (Diversified Cooperative Education) **or**

51.0600.75 - Dental Assisting – Internship **or**

51.0600.80 - Dental Assisting – Cooperative Education

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TEACHER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The instructor must be ADE/CTE certified in one of the following Certificates:

SCTHC Standard Career and Technical Education Health Careers

SSCTEHC Standard Specialized Career and Technical Education Health Careers

- Note:
- Dental Assisting 51.0600.70 (DCE) requires a CTE Teacher to have the Cooperative Education Endorsement (CEN).
 - Dental Assisting 51.0600.75 (Internship) does not require a CTE Teacher to have a Cooperative Education Endorsement (CEN).
 - Dental Assisting 51.0600.80 (Cooperative Ed.) requires CTE Teacher to be appropriately certified for the program and to have a Cooperative Education Endorsement (CEN).