



DENTAL ASSISTING AT CAPE TECH

NEW FOR 2024-2025

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Dental Assisting students will develop skills to meet the minimum entry-level requirement for a dental receptionist, and dental chair side assistant. The student will also develop organizational and leadership skills as an active member of Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA). All curriculum is competency-based that evaluates hands-on performance until mastery. Additionally, following graduation, due to enrollment in this program, students will have priority enrollment for Radiology within the Cape May Technical Adult Education program. Students can sit for their boards after 10 months of training, bypassing the 2 years of the work experience requirement. Through partnerships with various community dental offices, this program will focus on paid and unpaid internship opportunities for students in their senior year.

STUDENTS WILL

- Prepare for the world of work but also post-secondary education in the event they wish to extend their studies in various dental-related careers.
- Participate in activities in a state-of-the-art facility, replicating a dental office.
- Become competent regarding chair-side and front desk skills necessary for employment.
- Study extensive dental terminology, dental pharmacology, continue the specialties of dentistry which include Orthodontics, Periodontics, Pedodontics, and Fixed Prosthodontics.
- Learn about general anatomy and physiology along with Forensic Dentistry.
- Complete CPR and First Aid Certification.
- Utilize hands-on opportunities to include not only theory but also practical application and laboratory work.
- Explore a wide range of job opportunities within the field through internships, field trips, and other interactions with professionals within the industry.

CAREER PATHWAYS

CERTIFIED DENTAL ASSISTANT (CDA) // DENTAL ASSISTANT (DA) // EXPANDED DUTY DENTAL ASSISTANT (EDDA) // REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANT (RDA)