

Title: DENTAL ASSISTING/ASSISTANT
Code: 51.0601
Career Cluster: Health Science

Certification Required	Certification Method	Occupational Competency Area	Occupational Competency Evaluation
Vocational-Intern/ Instructional 2600	Vocational-Instructional (non-degree program)	Dental Assistant 2201	Credential Review

Description: An instructional program that prepares individuals to function effectively as an integral member of the dental health team. The practitioner will perform chair-side assisting, related office duties and selected dental office laboratory procedures and dental radiography under the supervision of a licensed dentist. The planned courses should include instruction in universal precautions, OSHA regulations, communications skills, computer literacy, psychology, anatomy and physiology, microbiology and nutrition. Dental Science instruction shall include content in dental materials, dental radiography, oral anatomy, histology, oral embryology, oral pathology and therapeutics. Clinical science should emphasize the principles and application of office management, chair-side assisting, dental emergencies and legal/ethical aspects of dental practice. Clinical practice is an integral part of the program designed to perfect students' competence in performing dental assisting functions. The program must include concurrent theoretical and practical application of content areas.

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