



DENTAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM

The **Dental Assistant** Program prepares students for entry level positions in one of the fastest growing healthcare positions. The 107 hour program will cover key areas and topics exposing the student to both classroom and hands-on instruction. The 76 hours of classroom instruction and labs reviews the necessary anatomy, terminology, legal and ethical issues as well as the policy and guidelines necessary to understanding the scope of practice and the practical aspects of dental assisting. Additionally, this course includes an AHA BLS Provider certification course (8 hrs), Professionalism in the Workplace (7 hrs) and a 16 hour review that covers the relevant material necessary to prepare students to the State of Texas "TSBDE" Dental Assisting exam offered throughout the State of Texas. This is a great opportunity to enhance the skills learned in the program, and creates the possibility for employment. Please refer to www.tsbde.state.tx.us for complete certification eligibility requirements. *Information is subject to change based on industry, facility, or institution requirements. Please note that CPR training must be Basic Life Support through the American Heart Association.

*This course can be delivered via an Online Hybrid format or In-person.



ESTIMATED TUITION

Cost of program is \$1,969. Additional costs include an on line background check (\$40, payable by student), drug screen (\$40, payable by student), and supplies:

- Supplies: One pair of black scrubs
- Textbooks (or Online Modules) Included in tuition



PREREQUISITES

ALL prerequisites MUST be completed ONE WEEK PRIOR to start of class including: High School Diploma or GED, Online Background Check, Drug Screen, Social Security Card AND a State-Issued ID or TDL (Names MUST match), and all immunization requirements. See page 2 (back page) for complete list and details.



TIME COMMITMENT

Classroom Instruction & Labs: 76 hrs
AHA BLS Provider certification course: 8 hrs
Professionalism in the Workplace: 7 hrs
Review/prep for TSBDE Dental Assisting Exam: 16 hrs
Total Hours: 107

JOB PROFILE DENTAL ASSISTANT



Local Employment (2017): **7,090**

Job Growth: **19%**



Expected salaries: **\$12.58** (entry) **\$17.09** (average)
\$53,130 (yearly with experience)



Industries with Highest Level of Employment:
Offices of Dentists; Offices of Physicians

Source: U. S. Department of Labor (DOL) Bureau of Labor Services



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- ❑ High School Diploma or GED
- ❑ Online Background Investigation (\$40, payable by student) at <https://portal.castlebranch.com/LK53>. The results take 48-72 hours. For assistance, please see a registration clerk at the Center.

- ❑ Drug Screen (\$40, payable by student) at <https://portal.castlebranch.com/LK53>. The results take 48-72 hours. For assistance, please see a registration clerk at the Center.
- ❑ Copy of Social Security Card AND a State-Issued ID or TDL (Names: MUST match).
- ❑ All students are required to have the current immunizations listed below.



IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

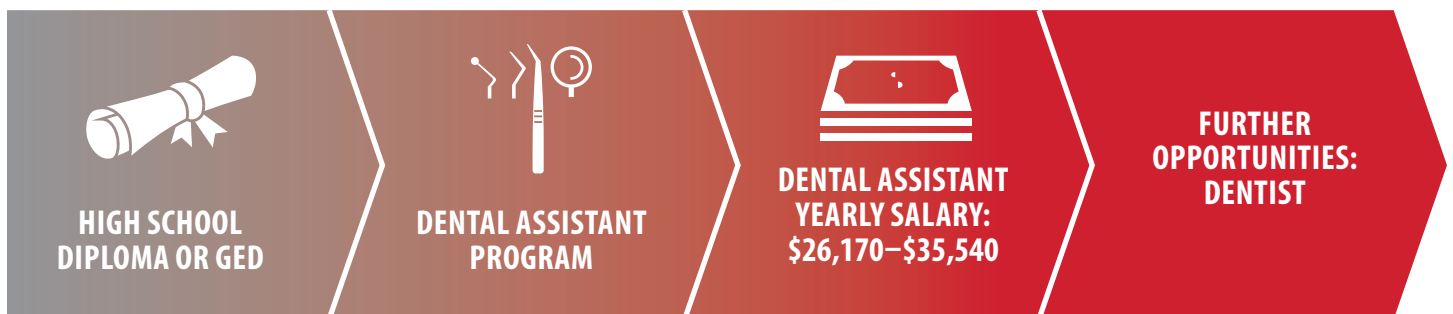
To be eligible for clinicals at a facility, you will need to have **ALL** of your shots **PRIOR** to the start of class and you must bring **PROOF** of all shot and titer records to the Center for Workforce and Community Development when registering.

- ❑ Hepatitis B- **Series of Three doses** are required or a Quantitative Titer will be accepted as long as the result shows positive immunity.
- ❑ MMR- Must have **two doses** of vaccination. Titer accepted.
- ❑ TB Skin Test (PPD)- Test must be negative and taken within 12 months of the end date of clinical rotations. If positive, chest

X-ray with written results from Dr. showing no symptoms of TB accepted OR Chest X-ray with written results within 2 years of start date of class OR QuantiFERON®- TB Gold Blood Test.

- ❑ Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (Tdap)- Must be within 10 years of the end date of clinical rotations.
- ❑ Varicella- Must have **two doses** of vaccination or titer test with positive results.
- ❑ Flu Vaccine - annual - if clinical rotations are to be completed during flu season. (Oct-Mar)

CAREER PATHWAY



HB 1508 -Students who have a felony conviction should check with the Program Manager of their program to determine if a licensing exam is required to be employed. Some examples include but are not limited to education, nursing, cosmetology, and technology programs. Legislative changes, specifically, HB 1508 from the 85th Texas legislative session section 53.151 (2017), require notification to applicants and enrollees regarding the consequences of a criminal conviction on eligibility for an occupational license. Students may be ineligible for an occupational license upon completion of a program due to prior convictions.

