

Dental Assistant



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Overview

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 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 hours), and a 16-hour review that covers the relevant material necessary to prepare students for the State of Texas "TSBDE" Dental Assisting exam offered throughout Texas.

Students participate in a 48-hour clinical rotation in a dental office located in Baytown or surrounding areas. This is a great opportunity to enhance the skills learned in the program and creates the possibility for employment. Please refer to <https://tsbde.texas.gov> for complete certification eligibility requirements.

Because of COVID-19 guidelines, clinical site availability varies.

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.

Estimated Tuition

The cost of the program is \$1,969. Additional costs include an online background check (\$40 payable by the student), drug screen (\$40 payable by the student), and supplies:

- Supplies: One pair of black scrubs
- Textbooks: Included in tuition

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Prerequisites

ALL prerequisites **MUST** be completed **ONE WEEK BEFORE** the start of class, including online background check, high school diploma or GED, copy of Social Security card, state-issued ID or TDL (Names **MUST** match), and all immunization requirements.

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

Time Commitment

- Classroom Instruction & Labs: 76 hours
- AHA BLS Provider Certification Course: 8 hours
- Professionalism in the Workplace: 7 hours
- Review/Prep for TSBDE Dental Assisting Exam: 16 hours
- Clinical: 48 hours (varies with clinical site availability)
- Total Hours: 107 (not including clinical hours)

Immunization Requirements

To be eligible for clinicals at a facility, you will need to have **ALL** of your shots **BEFORE** 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 a doctor showing no symptoms of TB accepted OR Chest X-ray with written results within 2 years of the start date of class OR QuantiFERON® — TB Gold Blood Test.

- Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (TDaP) — Must be within 10 years of the end date of the class.
- 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.-March)

In an effort to better serve student needs and interests, we offer programs along with our educational partners, CCI, and Ed2Go. For a listing of those programs visit:

- **CCI:** www.healthtoday.com/Splash-Page/The-Center-for-Workforce-and-Community-Development
- **Ed2Go:** www.ed2go.com/leecollege

Check Eligibility for Licensing Exams

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.

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