Dental Assisting (Diploma)

Diploma Program
800 Contact Hours
35.0 Semester Credits
32 Instructional Weeks – Full Time

Program offered at:
Memphis, Tennessee
and
Southaven, Mississippi

Dental Assisting (Diploma) Mission Statement:
The program prepares students with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills needed for success in an entry-level position. The program aims to guide students in developing proficiency, professionalism, empathy, and accurate technique while learning to interact professionally with dentists, coworkers, and patients.

Learning Objectives / Instructional Outcomes
The Dental Assisting program provides students with sufficient theoretical knowledge and practical skills to perform efficiently in the professional capacity in an entry-level position. The program includes courses covering management skills, appointment scheduling, laboratory procedures, maintenance of patient records, chairside assistance, instructing patients in proper oral hygiene, and assisting in the selection, placement and removal of rubber dam, sutures, and periodontal packs.

Career Overview
The Dental Assistant makes an important contribution to the success of a dental practice as a valuable member of the dental healthcare team. The Dental Assistant's responsibilities may include preparing patients for procedures, assisting the dentist with instrument transfer during procedures, maintaining treatment planning records, exposing and processing dental x-rays, reviewing oral hygiene and postoperative care instructions with patients, performing laboratory work, and managing such essential functions as inventory control, infection control and OSHA compliance. The Dental Assistant may also be called on to assist in the business office with filing records, preparing insurance reports, maintaining records on the computer, and scheduling appointments.

In order to graduate from the Dental Assisting program, students must successfully complete the following curriculum:

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Extern Hours	Semester Credits
CPSO1111*	Career Path Success A	15			1.00
CPSO1112*	Career Path Success B	15			1.00
CPSO1113*	Career Path Success C	15			1.00
CPSO1114*	Career Path Success D	15			1.00
CPSO1115*	Career Path Success E	15			1.00
CPSO1116*	Career Path Success F	15			1.00
DNTA1431**	Introduction to Dental Assisting and Dental Terminology	40	40		4.00
DNTA1433**	Dental Specialties	40	40		4.00
DNTA1435**	Materials and Procedures	40	40		4.00
DNTA1437**	Patient Care and Management	40	40		4.00
DNTA1439**	Diagnostics and Orthodontics	40	40		4.00
DNTA1441**	Dental Radiology	40	40		4.00
DNTA1201**	Externship I			115	2.50
DNTA1202**	Externship II			115	2.50
	Subtotals	**330**	**240**	**230**	**35.0**

** These courses are offered online.*
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For course descriptions, a breakdown of credit hours and other program-specific information, please review the Campus Catalog on concorde.edu. To learn about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed programs, and other important information, visit concorde.edu/disclosures.