

Dental Assistants are an integral part of the dental health care team and increase the efficiency of the dentist in the delivery of oral health care. Dental offices will employ two to four dental assistants with specialty offices employing more. Dental assistant job duties include front office skills such as phone skills and computer proficiency, patient care such as dietary counseling, monitoring vital signs, administering and monitoring nitrous oxide, taking impressions, and providing post-operative care and instructions. The demand for quality dental assistants is expected to continue to be above average in the future according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Classroom, laboratory, and clinical instruction provide students with a broad background in all aspects of dentistry. Internships will be provided in area offices under the guidance of dentists and assistants in the community. Students must be able to provide their own transportation to and from the various clinical sites.

### **Adult Students**

Adult students must first apply and be accepted as NWACC students. Admission requirements are listed on the main web site. (Insert link to NWACC application) Courses are for credit. There is also a separate application for adult students entering the dental program. Applications for the dental program may be returned by email or mailed to the address below. Please follow the link to the application. (Insert link to dental application)

### **High School Students**

High school students are eligible to enroll in the dental assisting program. Students must be entering juniors or seniors. Concurrent credit may be available through the student's high school. High school students need to complete the application to the dental program and return to your high school counselor for more information on enrolling. Dental Assisting is a component of the Early College Experience (ECE).

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