

DENTAL ASSISTING



**ILLINOIS VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Dental Assisting Certificate



WHAT IS DENTAL ASSISTING?

A dental assistant is an important member of an efficient dental team--providing a valuable service to both the office and the patient. An assistant anticipates the need of a dentist and aids in intraoral procedures, takes x-rays, prepares lab work, is responsible for disinfection/sterilization protocols, and can also perform office administrative duties.



PROGRAM OPTIONS

Illinois Valley Community College's Dental Assisting Program is completed in three semesters or one full year. After the completion of the required courses, you will receive a Certificate in Dental Assisting. Four additional Certificates are also available during or after completion of the program including: (1) Coronal Polishing; Enamel Sealants and Monitoring of Nitrous Oxide; (2) Coronal Scaling; and (3) Restorative Functions. With the completion of Certificates 1 and 2, you would earn a final Certificate in (4) Expanded Functions to correspond with Illinois Law.



HANDS ON TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

IVCC's Dental Assisting Program prepares you for an active role in dentistry through classroom, laboratory, and hands-on experiences in modern, high-tech facilities where highly experienced and qualified dental professionals teach and supervise all on- and off-campus activities. Members of the dental community also donate their time and expertise to the program to ensure well-rounded and highly trained dental assistants enter the workforce.



AFFORDABILITY

IVCC tuition is just one-third to one-fourth the cost of state universities and far below most private institutions. An approximation of tuition and fees and cost comparison can be found on the IVCC website at www.ivcc.edu/payment and at www.ivcc.edu/save.

Many scholarship opportunities are available through the IVCC Foundation at www.ivcc.edu/foundation and Financial Aid is available for those who qualify at www.ivcc.edu/financialaid.

DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM CURRICULUM

FALL SEMESTER

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
DLA 1209	Infection Control Practices	1.50
DLA 1200	Dental Science I	2
DLA 1201	Dental Materials and Lab Procedures	4
DLA 1203	Chairside Assisting I	4
DLA 1204	Dental Radiography I	2
DLA 1205	Preventive Dentistry I	1.50
DLA 1206	Dental Office Management	3
Semester Total:		18

SPRING SEMESTER

DLA 1202	Supervised Dental Assisting Practice	1.50
DLA 2205	Expanded Functions I	1.50
DLA 2200	Dental Science II	2
DLA 2201	Dental Laboratory Procedures II	2
DLA 2203	Chairside Assisting II	3
DLA 2204	Dental Radiography II	2
DLA 2208	Expanded Functions II-Restorative Functions	2
Semester Total:		14

SUMMER SEMESTER

DLA 1208	Preventative II-Coronal Scaling	2
DLA 2202	Clinical Practice	5
Semester Total:		7
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		39

A Few Things Dental Assistants Do

- Direct patient care
- Four or six-handed dentistry
- Office management
- Fabricating oral appliances
- Oral hygiene instruction
- Obtaining medical/dental history
- Vital signs
- Post-op instructions
- Inventory/Supply Ordering
- Impressions



Career Options

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