



## DENTAL ASSISTING

### Program Options

Technical Certificate

*11 months Fall and Spring Semesters & Summer Term*

The Dental Assisting program at EITC consists of classroom training, clinical skills training, and clinical experience in area dental offices. The program’s curriculum follows Idaho State Board of Dentistry guidelines. The curriculum provides the training necessary to become an integral part of the dental profession and offers the student supervised training to become a dental assistant. With this education and two years of clinical experience, graduates may sit for the National Certified Dental Assistant exam.

### Intended Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate competency in basic dental assistant skills in a competent and safe manner when working with patients, families, and communities while being nonjudgmental of cultural, religious, and ethnic differences.
- Demonstrate competency in performing front office skills for entry level dental assistants.
- Demonstrate effective verbal, non-verbal, written and technological communication utilizing appropriate terminology during interactions with patients, families, and dental health care team members.
- Demonstrate accountability, professional values, and ethical behavior within the scope of practice of a dental assistant and the policy and procedures of the employing institutions.
- Be Idaho certified in expanded functions for dental assistants.
- Acknowledge that dental assisting is dynamic and requires life-long learning.

### Entrance Requirements

In addition to the above listed entrance requirements:

- COMPASS Test score of 68 or higher in reading and writing skills and 45 or higher in pre-algebra
- Advising with program director
- Background check

Dental Assisting Students will be required to have Hepatitis A immunizations series in addition to the previous mentioned immunizations (Division Requirements). No facial or oral piercings will be allowed in the classroom, clinical sites or lab area. One set of stud earrings may be worn in each ear. Individuals with visible tattoos are required to have the tattoos covered while in class, clinical sites and labs. (Students with visible tattoos may experience difficulty in finding employment in area dental offices.)

### Program Continuation Requirements

- All core courses must be passed with a minimum of a C- (70%), and must be passed consecutively before continuing on to the next course
- All Program (DTL) courses must be passed with a minimum of a C (75%), and must be passed consecutively before continuing on to the next course

### Program Costs

In addition to the semester registration fees, a Dental Assisting student can expect to spend an approximate total of \$1,650 on books, supplies, liability insurance, CPR, first aid, dental conventions and DANB and/or NOCTI program exit assessments.

Graduates are required to sit for proficiency exams at the conclusion of their program. Information regarding costs and dates for the exams will be posted in the online catalog and available from the program instructor(s).

## Dental Assisting

*Technical Certificate*

*40 Credits*

### Semester 1

|         |   |   |
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| DTL 121 | Orientation to Dental Assisting/Office Management | 2 |
| DTL 124 | Basic Dental Sciences & Medical Situations        | 3 |
| DTL 125 | Dental Operatory Procedures                       | 4 |
| DTL 126 | Dental Radiology                                  | 4 |
| DTL 129 | Dental Biology                                    | 2 |
| HCT 121 | Professionalism for Health Careers                | 1 |

### Semester 2

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| CIS 101 | Computer Information Systems                | 3 |
| DTL 127 | Dental Clinical                             | 2 |
| DTL 128 | Dental Specialties                          | 4 |
| DTL 131 | Dental Lab Materials and Expanded Functions | 3 |
| ENG 101 | English Composition                         | 3 |
| PSY 101 | Introduction to Psychology                  | 3 |

### Summer Term

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| DTL 132 | Supervised Work Experience | 6 |
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