



HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION

Areas of Study

Dental Assisting

Technical Certificate

Medical Assistant

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Medical Office Specialist

Technical Certificate

Practical Nursing

Advanced Technical Certificate

Surgical Technology

Associate of Applied Science Degree

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Workplace research shows that one of the most rapidly growing areas of employment is health care. EITC's Health Professions Division is a combined group of programs consisting of Practical Nursing, Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, and Surgical Technology. These programs provide students with the knowledge and skills that enable them to join other professionals in this expanding career field. Students may take courses in the Health Professions Division prior to declaring a major field of study.

Students entering the Health Professions Division will have a faculty advisor. The faculty advisor and the student are responsible for outlining the appropriate classes needed for the student.

Students are subject to the policies of the program they select. They will be given a policies and procedures manual at the beginning of the professional portion of the program and will be required to sign a document of understanding. Individuals who have been charged and/or convicted of a felony may experience difficulty becoming licensed, certified, or registered and finding employment in health care. It is recommended that prior to enrollment the applicant contact the appropriate state regulatory agency. Criminal background checks are a requirement of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Criminal background checks are required to meet clinical practicum site requirements.

All Health Professions Division students, regardless of program, must provide the following information prior to being accepted in the professional courses:

- Documentation of the following current immunizations is required:
 - Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus (DPT)
 - Mumps, Measles, and Rubella (MMR) or two vaccinations or Rubella and Rubeola titers
 - Hepatitis B series
 - Polio
 - History of chicken pox or varicella vaccination
- Proof of an annual TB skin test
- Documentation of health insurance

DENTAL ASSISTING

Length of Program

Technical Certificate: two semesters, one 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.

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.
- An interview with program director/faculty may be required.

Program Continuation Requirements

- All core and program specific courses must be passed with a minimum of 70%, and must be passed consecutively before continuing on to the next course.
- All core and program courses must be passed before a student will be permitted to start the externship.

Program Costs

In addition to the semester registration fees, a Dental Assisting student can expect to spend an approximate total of \$1,200 on books, supplies, liability insurance, CPR, first aid and dental conventions.



Dental Assisting

Technical Certificate

41 Credits

Semester 1

BIO 250	General Microbiology	3
BIO 250-L	General Microbiology Laboratory	1
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

Semester 2

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
OCR 105	Occupational Relations	3

Summer Term

DTL 132	Supervised Work Experience	6
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