

# CPTC CAREER PATHWAYS Dental Assistant

Career Cluster:

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

### Dental Assistant

Designed to prepare students for positions in the dental field, including both front-office and dental-assistant career tracks. Graduates of the program will have a foundation of knowledge of dental sciences, dental assisting skills, dental materials, dental laboratory procedures, radiography, infection control, and dental business office-management skills.

Students will develop an understanding of the role of the dental assistant and dental business office assistant within the dental care team. Graduates are qualified for entry-level positions as expanded duties dental assistants and coordinating assistants, as well as dental business office assistants within a dental office.

This program is accredited through the American Dental Association (ADA).

### STARTING CONSIDERATIONS

[Apply to Clover Park Technical College](#)

### STARTING OPTIONS

students:

- High School Diploma / Some College
- [GED](#), [ESL](#), Adult Basic Skills (ABE)
- 1st Career / 2nd Career
- Seeking Professional Credentials
- [Continuing Ed](#)
- [E-Learning](#) (online instruction)

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### ENTRY-LEVEL CERTIFICATE OPTION

#### Dental Assistant

- 5-quarter program
- Directly assist Dentist and Team
- Clinical Externship
- Prep for Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) Certification
- American Dental Association (ADA) Accredited
- Minimum Age 18 years & High School Diploma or GED

### EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

[Dental Assistant](#)  
[Health Care Support Worker](#)

### ASSOCIATE DEGREE

#### AAT & AAS-T

- 5-quarter program
- American Dental Association (ADA) Accredited
- Hands-On Work-Based Learning
- Prep for Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) Certification

### EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

[Dental Assistant - degree](#)

### CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Dental Hygienist  
Dentist  
Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA)

*State Exam Required for each*

### EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

[Dental Hygienist](#)  
[Dentist](#)