

Program - Dental Assistant

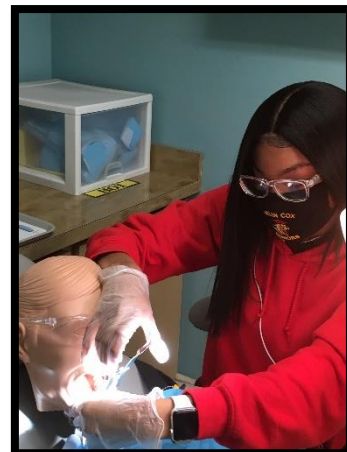
JumpStart Pathway HUMAN SERVICES

Course: Dental Asst I 2P

1 Semester - 2 credits

Grades: 11 and 12

WE ALL HAVE TEETH, RIGHT? WOULD YOU LIKE A CAREER WHERE YOU CAN HELP OTHERS? ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT A CAREER AS A DENTIST, DENTAL HYGIENIST OR DENTAL ASSISTANT? ARE YOU READY TO WORK IN A DENTAL OFFICE WHEN YOU GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL? THEN DENTAL ASSISTING IS THE CLASS FOR YOU!



Program Description:



You can learn to be a dental assistant in one semester. Dental assistants perform various administrative and back office duties: provide patient care, administer x rays, keep patient records, and schedule appointments, use dental instrumentation skills along with other duties assigned by the dentist. Students will learn dental terminology, dental procedures, some anatomy, human development, nutrition and microbiology related to the field. Students will explore careers and develop skills as they work in a simulated dental office. Lesson will include lecture, reading, lab practice, completing activities from the online study guide and a practice certification exam with other testing. *Students should have successfully completed Biology prior to enrolling in this course.*

Possible Industry Based Certifications:

IBC: NOCTI (Basic)

Complementary: BLS- Basic Life Support (CPR & AED)

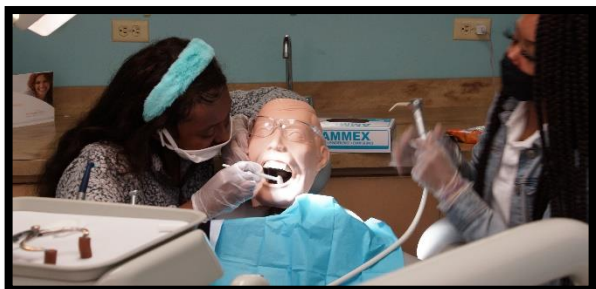
Radiology Certification (optional)

This program is worth a college credit of 3 sem. Hours
(www.nationalccrs.org)

Study:

Course work includes survey of Dental Assisting Profession, Communicating with patients, Infection Control and Hazard Management, Clinical Procedures, Radiological and Digital Imaging Procedures, Clerical Functions, Dental Sciences including anatomy and physiology; and CPR certification.

Next Steps: Talk to your counselor about enrolling in Dental Assistant I – 2P for Fall or Spring.



Additional Information

The teacher will provide uniform expectations and requirements to qualify for NOCTI – Dental Assistant Exam requirements the first week of class. Cost for all materials and NOCTI exam is provided by school. Students may choose to earn the radiology certification and be a student member of the American Dental Assistant Association - cost is the responsibility of the student.

Information for this page compiled from <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/jump-start-graduation-pathways> <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-assistants.htm>

Dental Assistant's
median pay was
\$40,080 per year
\$19.27 per hour
earned in 2019.
(www.bls.gov)
Jobs are expected
to grow by 7%
from 2019 to 2029