

DENTAL ASSISTING 51.0600.00

Program Description, Industry Credential, Coherent Sequence, and Teacher Certification

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The **Dental Assisting** program prepares students to provide patient care, conduct dental radiographs (x-ray photographs), prepare patients and equipment for dental procedures, and discharge office administrative functions under the supervision of dentists and dental hygienists. The **Dental Assisting** program includes instruction in medical recordkeeping, general office duties, reception and patient intake, scheduling, equipment maintenance and sterilization, basic radiography, pre- and post-operative patient care and instruction, chairside assisting, performing tooth and mouth impressions, and supervised practice.

The **Dental Assisting** program is designed and delivered as a coherent sequence of school-based and work-based supervised learning. The Professional Skills developed by business and industry leaders across Arizona are integrated throughout the program. The **Dental Assisting** students develop leadership, social, civic, and career skills through participation in the Career and Technical Student Organization HOSA (Future Health Professionals).

The **Dental Assisting** instructional program prepares students for entry-level employment, further training, and/or post-secondary education for these and other occupations: Dental Assistant, Dental Specialty Assistant, and Dental Administrative Assistant

INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS

The following credentials have been approved for the A-F CCR and are CTED eligible for the **Dental Assisting** instructional program:

- OSHA 10 Healthcare
- Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) (DANB)

COHERENT SEQUENCE

51.0600.10 - Dental Assisting I, **and**

51.0600.20 - Dental Assisting II, **and program may elect to add:**

51.0600.25 - Dental Assisting III, **or**

51.0600.40 - Dental Assisting IV, **or**

51.0600.70 - Dental Assisting – DCE (Diversified Cooperative Education) **or**

51.0600.75 - Dental Assisting - Internship **or**

51.0600.80 - Dental Assisting – Cooperative Education

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TEACHER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The instructor must be ADE/CTE certified in one of the following Certificates: PCTHC, SCTHC, or SSCTEHC.

Note:

- Dental Assisting 51.0600.70 may be a part of the sequence and the teacher must hold a Cooperative Education Endorsement (CEN).
- Dental Assisting 51.0600.75 is not required to have a Cooperative Education Endorsement (CEN).
- Dental Assisting 51.0600.80 is required to have a Cooperative Education Endorsement (CEN).

CERTIFICATE TYPES

PCTHC	Provisional Career and Technical Education Health Careers
SCTHC	Standard Career and Technical Education Health Careers
SSCTEHC	Standard Specialized Career and Technical Education Health Careers