



Dental Assistant Certificate Program



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Program Highlights

- **8 Months*** In-depth Program
- Hands-On Learning Experience in a **High-Fidelity Instructional Dental Lab**
- **All program graduates receive:**
 - 8-Hour Infection Control Certification
 - Radiation Safety Certification
 - Coronal Polish Certification
- **Job Placement Assistance**
- Graduates acquiring at least seven months (334 hours) of additional work experience are **eligible to sit for the RDA exam**
- **Subjects covered include**
 - *Fundamentals of Dental Assisting*
 - *Sciences of Dentistry/Infection Prevention*
 - *Foundations of Clinical Dentistry*
 - *Dental Specialties/Patient Assessment*

*32 Approved Instructional Weeks

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The Dental Assistant Program is offered at the **Modesto Campus**



Campus Locations

Concord Campus

1401 Willow Pass Road
Suite 450
Concord, CA 94520
(925) 687-9555

Sacramento Campus

8810 Cal Center Drive
3rd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95826
(916) 588-2060

Fresno Campus

4747 N 1st Street
Suite 192
Fresno, CA 93711
(559) 222-1903

San Jose Campus[‡]

1641 N. First Street
San Jose, CA 95112
(650) 685-6616

Modesto Campus

4712 Stoddard Road
Suite 200
Modesto, CA 95356
(209) 521-1821

Van Nuys Campus

15400 Sherman Way
Suite 201
Van Nuys, CA 91406
(747) 200-4567

[‡]The San Mateo Campus is relocating to San Jose effective January 2nd, 2024.

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The Dental Assistant Program provides lectures, laboratory training, and an externship correlating with theoretical knowledge. Students meeting graduation requirements can work as Dental Assistants in professional dental environments.

Students practice hands-on training in a high-fidelity Instructional Dental Lab equipped with Pelton & Crane dental chairs, intraoral cameras, autoclaves, ultrasonic dental cleaners, flash sterilization Statim autoclaves, lathes, model trimmers, digital x-rays, and bleaching trays.

Students hone their skill sets in OSHA-compliant infection control protocols, intraoral photography, digital and manual dental x-ray film processing, and chairside 4-handed dental assisting. Students also learn fabrication and placement of temporary crowns and intermediate restorative fillings.

We are Accredited & Approved!



- ✓ Institutionally accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools.*
- ✓ Approved to operate by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.**
- ✓ The 8-hour infection control, radiation safety, and coronal polishing courses are approved by the Dental Board of California.

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** Approval to operate means the institution is compliant with the minimum standards contained in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (as amended) and Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. Information about the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education can be found at www.bppe.ca.gov.