



Dental Assistant

Course Overview

This 280-hour course (200 hours of classroom/lab time and 80 hours of externship) prepares students to perform chair-side assistance to the dentist using four-handed dentistry technique. Additionally, students will be oriented to dental related anatomy and physiology, lab equipment, and preventative/restorative dentistry. Upon completion of the course students will be equipped to take the exam to become a Registered Dental Assistant with the State of Arkansas. Students will also have the chance to learn and perform Dental Radiography, Coronal Polishing, Administration/Monitoring of Nitrous Oxide in the State of Arkansas.

Admissions Office
479-750-9876
1-800-785-9876

Springdale Campus
3889 Willowood Ave.
Springdale, AR 72762
Phone: 479-750-9876

Fort Smith Campus
Greenpointe Center
4300 Rogers Ave., Ste 42
Fort Smith, AR 72903
Phone: 479-424-1176

Admission Requirements

- Complete, submit and agree to terms in the “Class Registration Form” and this Program Bulletin.
- Must be at least 17 years old. If under 18, parents must sign the registration form.

Tuition, Fees and Certification

- \$50 – Non-refundable Registration Fee (due at time of admission, transferrable one time)
- \$2,900 – Tuition
- \$250 – Lab Fee
- \$165 – Textbook (may be purchased at the school)
- \$40 – Petra Student Uniform

TOTAL: \$3,405

Additional Fees

- \$50 – CPR Certification for an HCP Card
- \$140 – Fees for Nitrous, Coronal Polishing, & Radiology Exam
- \$75 – State Registration Fees: Contact the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners at 501-682-2085 or asbde@arkansas.gov for more information.

Payment Plans / Financial Assistance

Tuition is due before class begins; however, if desired, students may pay 50% of their tuition before beginning class and the remaining balance mid-way through class. There will be a 2% additional charge added to the tuition if using this payment plan. Please contact the admissions office for information on financial assistance.

Required Text

- Essentials of Dental Assisting 6th Ed., Testbook & Textbook & Workbook with Dental Instrument, a Pocket Guide, by Debbie S. Robinson and Doni L. Bird

NOTE: Students need to be prepared for an externship assignment following their class. This may mean time off from work and/or the need to have a flu shot, criminal background check and a drug screen. It is highly recommended these issues are addressed before your last two weeks of class.