



Dental Assistant

Course Overview

This 240-hour program consists of 200 hours of classroom instruction and a 40-hour externship, completed during the program. The externship may be waived if the student has a job as a dental assistant and already has 16 hours of practical experience, verified by a signed letter from their supervisor. This program trains students to assist dentists using four-handed dentistry techniques. The curriculum covers dental anatomy, lab equipment, dental radiography, coronal polishing, and preventive/restorative dentistry. Upon completion, the school hosts a scheduled seminar including the Arkansas Registered Dental Assistant exam. The seminar also includes training in Dental Radiography, Coronal Polishing, and Nitrous Oxide administration/monitoring, as permitted by the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners.

On-Site Training

Springdale Campus
PetraAlliedHealth.com
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Springdale, AR 72762

Admissions Office
(479) 750-9876
(800) 785-9876

Online Training

PetraMedicalCollege.com
(501) 294-2130
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Admission Requirements

- Complete the application and agree to the terms outlined in the “Class Registration Form” and the corresponding Program Bulletin.
- Be at least 17 years old. If under 18, a parent or guardian must sign the registration form.
- Be enrolled in High School, or process a high school Diploma, GED, or equivalent.

Tuition, Books and Fees

- \$50 – Non-refundable Registration Fee (due at time of admission, transferrable one time)
- \$3,400 – Tuition
- \$250 – Lab Fee
- \$170 – Textbook (may be purchased at the school)

TOTAL: \$3,870

Certification and Licensing Fees

- \$ 50 – CPR Certification for an HCP Card
- \$140 – Fees for Nitrous, Coronal Polishing, & Radiology Exam
- \$75 – State Registration Fee

Payment Plans / Financial Assistance

Tuition and fees are due in full on or before the first day of class unless you enroll in a payment plan. We offer both a two-payment and a four-payment plan, which divide tuition and lab fees accordingly. Both plans include a finance fee of 2% of the tuition only, which, along with the book costs, is to be included in the first payment. For details on payment plans or financial assistance, please contact the admissions office prior to the first day of class.

Required Text

Essentials of Dental Assisting 7th Ed., Textbook & Textbook & Workbook with Dental Instrument, a Pocket Guide, by Debbie S. Robinson and Doni L. Bird

Note: Externships are highly recommended. If a student does not complete the required 40 hours of externship or provide a signed letter from their employer verifying 40 hours of clinical experience, the externship will be waived. In such cases, the certificate of training will indicate 200 hours of classroom instruction with no externship hours completed.