

DENTAL ASSISTING



Mission Statement

We are a diverse learning and teaching community committed to improving individual life and society through high-quality, accessible educational programs and engaged learning opportunities.

OUR MISSION:

The dental assisting student who successfully completes one year of education at John A. Logan College will meet the professional standards required in the program, be clinically proficient, recognize their role as an invaluable member of the dental health team, and be sensitive to the dental needs of the various communities.

ROLE OF A CERTIFIED DENTAL ASSISTANT:

The educationally qualified dental assistant is a highly competent individual possessing skills and knowledge to perform the many tasks required to provide quality dental care. The dental assistant is an important professional member of the dental health team. The assistant can work in multiple areas in a dental practice including performing the more specialized duties of the chairside assistant or office manager.

Tasks assigned to the chairside assistant include the following: preparation of the treatment room, seating and dismissing patients, and assisting with operative and surgical procedures, such as oral evacuation, preparation of dental materials, sterilization procedures, and tray set-ups. Other responsibilities include exposing, processing and mounting radiographs and providing oral health instruction.

Current Degree Information and Curriculum:

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The Dental Assisting program is a one-year certificate accredited program. The program combines classroom instruction, clinical training, and laboratory experience to teach the necessary skills to be a successful Certified Dental Assistant. See the College Catalog online for details.

Classroom and laboratory instruction are held on campus. Externship experiences are provided by area dental offices. Those completing the program will receive a certificate of achievement and will sit for the certification examination given by the Dental Assisting National Board. Successful candidates may use the title Certified Dental Assistant (CDA).

Students in high school should take courses in biology, chemistry, anatomy and communication.



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