CT STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CERTIFICATE

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Dental assistant students acquire the skills and knowledge necessary through the combination of a science and clinically based curriculum to become Certified Dental Assistants (CDA) as integral members of a dental health team.

The Dental Assistant certificate program helps students gain the knowledge and skills needed to obtain employment as a dental assistants in general or specialty practices or public health clinics. Graduates will be prepared to assist during procedures, expose dental radiographs, and perform laboratory procedures and front office duties. At CT State Manchester, students practice clinical procedures in an on-site, state-of-the-art dental office setting that includes three treatment rooms complete with digital x-ray, electronic patient records and an instrument processing area.

THE DENTAL ASSISTANT JOB OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

Graduates of the Dental Assistant program have the training and clinical practice necessary to begin a satisfying career in dental medicine. Professional dental assistants have opportunities in clinical dental assisting, dental practice management, business office assisting, dental laboratory technology and teaching.

- Private or Group Practice
- Specialty Practice (e.g., Orthodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and Oral or Maxillofacial Radiology)
- Public Health Dentistry
- Dental School and Hospital Clinics
- Dental Product Sales
- Insurance Companies
- Colleges and Universities

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM, LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION

Dental assistant clinical and laboratory sessions are taught to competency and designed to adhere to the CODA (Commission of Dental Accreditation) Standards and the mandates in the Connecticut Dental Practice Act. Connecticut State Community College's 34 credit, Dental Assistant Certificate Program, has been granted accreditation. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at 312-440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Ill 60611.

CAMPUSES OFFERING PROGRAM

Manchester

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Selective Admissions

Application period: **October 1 to June 1**

Program start dates: **Fall semester**

HOW MANY STUDENTS ACCEPTED EACH YEAR APPROXIMATELY

15

PROGRAM OUTCOMES AND EMPLOYMENT

Please see the CT State website for the individual campus program outcome data: **ctstate.edu/programs/dental-assisting**

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook: **bls.gov/ooh**

SELECTION PROCESS

See below for admissions requirements

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE

Admission Requirement	Grade Requirement	Time Requirement
Eligible for English Composition	N/A	N/A
Eligible for Quantitative Literacy	N/A	N/A
Eligible for General Psychology*	N/A	N/A
Cell Biology with Organ Systems**	N/A	N/A
Eligible for Public Speaking*	N/A	N/A
Dental Assistant GPA	2.5 or greater	Based only on college courses with a C or greater that meet the Dental Assistant admission and Dental Assistant program curriculum requirements.
Campus Information Session	N/A	Within one year prior to application deadline
Interview for eligible candidates based on GPA	N/A	N/A

*It is preferable to have these classes completed by program start date.

**This course can be in progress during Fall and/or Spring semester of the application year.

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TO APPLY

Scan the QR code or visit **ctstate.elluciancrmrecruit.com/apply**

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

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Note: Information on this sheet is subject to change. If you do not intend to apply to the Dental Assistant program for the 2027-2028 academic year, please obtain an updated fact sheet the year you apply.

CT State's Continuing Notice of Nondiscrimination can be found at **ctstate.edu/nondiscrimination.**