

DENTAL ASSISTING

The Dental Assisting program prepares students for careers as dental assistants through the combination of a science and clinically based curriculum. Dental assisting provides the skills and knowledge necessary to function effectively as an integral member of a dental health team.

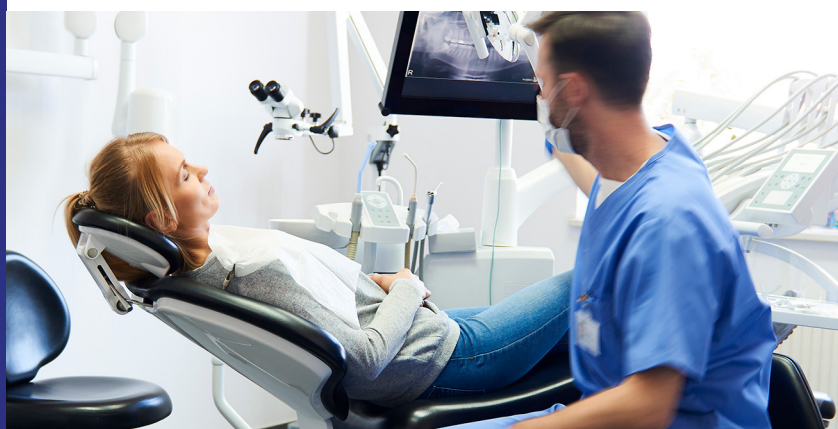
The CT State, Tunxis Dental Assisting program is currently the longest existing Dental Assisting program continually accredited through the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) in the state, and has a 30-year affiliation with the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. The program utilizes the facilities of the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, federal, state, and local hospitals, and community health clinics. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board Exam.

THE DENTAL ASSISTING JOB OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- Private or Group Practice
- Hospitals
- Public Health Dentistry
- Correctional facilities
- Education
- Dental Product Sales
- Specialty Practice (e.g. Orthodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and Oral and Maxillofacial Radiography)

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM, LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION

CT State Community College's 33-credit Dental Assisting Certificate Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. This full-time program can be completed in 10 months. Students will learn chairside dental assisting and related office and laboratory procedures allowed by State law under the direction and supervision of the dentist.



CAMPUSES OFFERING PROGRAM

Tunxis

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Selective Admissions

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

Program start dates: **August 1 prior to the Fall semester**

Students must complete the Summer application

HOW MANY STUDENTS ACCEPTED EACH YEAR APPROXIMATELY

24

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

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE

Admission Requirement	Grade Requirement	Time Requirement
Eligible to take English Composition	Minimum grade C in prerequisite course	N/A
Dental Assisting Admissions GPA*	2.0 or greater	Overall GPA
Campus Specific Dental Assisting Information Session	N/A	Within one year prior to application deadline

*Based only on college courses with grades of C or greater that meet the Dental Assisting program curriculum requirements.

Please note: an interview is required for eligible candidates, and eight hours of job shadowing, will be required after acceptance to the program.



LEARN MORE

TO APPLY

Scan the QR code or visit ctstate.edu/uciancrmrecruit.com/apply

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

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CCS 1001 – College and Career Success is a CT State Community College requirement and students must enroll within their first nine credits. This is not a complete guide for admission requirements. Courses may require prerequisites. For detailed information about the admissions process and the application requirements, visit the campus program website.

Note: Information on this sheet is subject to change. If you do not intend to apply to the Dental Assisting program for the 2025-2026 academic year, please obtain an updated fact sheet the year you apply.

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