



Gainful Employment:

**Join a Team of Professionals, working together in a growing Profession that will continue to advance over the years to come. Making a difference ‘One Smile at a Time’.*

Dental assistants perform a growing variety of duties in the dental field. It is important for All individuals interested in pursuing the Dental Assistant Certificate to be aware that the dental field does have some risk of occupational hazards. The nature of the occupation could involve contact with infectious diseases, including AIDS and Hepatitis. All students admitted to the program will receive proper instruction in standard precautions and use of personal protective equipment to reduce the risk of blood and body fluid exposures. Duties in dental assisting include but are not limited to: therapeutic communication, multicultural interaction, psychology, oral health, preventive techniques, nutrition, chairside instrumentation, infection control, equipment safety, equipment maintenance, dental office emergencies and pain/anxiety management. The NM State Board of Dental Health Care requires training and certification in Radiation Health & Safety, along with coronal polishing, topical fluoride and pit and fissure sealants. Most recent adopted is the Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA). The assistant is responsible for all preparation of dental office procedures, chairside assisting, and reception activities. The demanding versatility requires a person dedicated to the profession and a commitment to function as a dental health care team member.



➤ Occupations for Dental Assisting that LCC prepares students to enter:

- **General Dentistry:**
 - Chairside assisting
 - Dental/Periodontal Charting
 - Laboratory procedures
 - Infection control
 - Dental radiology
- **Specialty Dentistry:** (includes the above mentioned duties in listed below specialties.)
 - Endodontic
 - Oral maxillofacial surgery
 - Orthodontic
 - Pediatric Dentistry
 - Periodontic
 - Prosthodontics
- **Dental Laboratories**
- **Temporary positions/traveling**
- **Dental supply representative**
- **Educational Opportunities'**



➤ **Program costs:**

Items listed are **ESTIMATED** fees which are necessary for you to accomplish and to build upon necessary skills.

- ✓ Estimated program cost based on current fees:

38.00/credit hour	x 60 minimum credit hours	\$2,280.00
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- ✓ Liability Insurance – payable to LCC Administration - \$ 15.00
- ✓ Laboratory Coat – \$ 35.00
- ✓ Scrub set (teal top/black pants) - \$ 45.00
- ✓ Second hand watch – \$ 20.00
- ✓ Red/blue dental charting pencil - \$ 5.00
- ✓ Student American Dental Assisting Association - \$ 35.00
- ✓ DANB - NMBDH Expanded Functions Certification - \$725.00 (if taking individual exams)
- ✓ DANB –NMBDH Radiology Exam/ expanded functions \$175.00
- ✓ DANB- CDA – Certified Dental Assistant Exam – \$425.00
- ✓ NMSBDH – \$ 50.00
- ✓ Petition to Graduate- \$ 15.00
- ✓ BLS/CPR \$ 30.00

- ✓ Estimated cost for Books & supplies –

Dental Assisting text:	180.00
Cengage MindTap Code	120.00
Dental Assisting WB:	50.00
Dental Coloring book:	50.00
Dental radiography:	120.00
Dental Instrument Guide:	55.00

Total **Estimated** Additional Fee: **4,430.00**

Web site to assist new dental assistants with employment: www.dentalassistantjobshelp.com

“Consider the Facts” the cost of an education “Career” in the time to get it and wages earned” For additional information contact advisor Gloria B. Pacheco at LCC Dental Assisting Program: 505-454-2528, and visit the Dental Assisting National Board for more details: www.DANB.org”