

Employment Opportunities

Dental assistants work in a variety of dental offices from general to specialty. Specialties include pediatrics, endodontics, oral surgery, periodontics, cosmetic dentistry, and orthodontics.

Job Outlook

Employment of dental assistants is projected to grow 8 percent from 2023 to 2033, faster than the average for all occupations. --US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Duties of a DA

- assisting the dentist at 'chairside'
- preparing for procedures
- sterilization and disinfection
- being the dentist's eyes and ears
- communication with patients
- patient education

Educational Opportunities

Certified Dental Assistant--CDA
Infection control specialist
Dental hygiene school
Dental school

Is dental assisting for me?

- ✓ I am empathetic
- ✓ I am good with my hands
- ✓ I can multi-task
- ✓ I communicate well
- ✓ I can problem solve
- ✓ I can work on a team
- ✓ I am not grossed out by blood