**Opportunities for Employment**

Full or part-time positions are readily available in dental offices, clinics and public health departments. For many assistants, this entry level occupation provides basic training and experience and serves as a stepping stone to more highly-skilled, better-paying jobs.

**Opportunities for Advancement**

Dental Assistants may advance to an office manager, dental product sales representative or become a dental assisting instructor. With further education, dental assistants can become dental hygienists.

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**Course Length**

**12-Month Program**

Tuesday and Thursday evenings
5:30 PM—9:30 PM
And every other Saturday
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

**Clinical Internship**
200 hours integrated throughout the program

(620 total program hours)

**Tentative Start Date**

**May 26, 2020**

**Course Fees**

Tuition $4,800.00 - subject to increase
(includes books and testing fees)

Financing options are available.

This program is approved by the New York State Education Department for Veterans’ training.

This program does not meet the requirements for Pennsylvania Expanded Function Dental Assisting certification.
Dental Assistants perform a variety of patient care, office and laboratory duties. They also prepare equipment and various dental materials for patient treatment. Assistants work chairside preparing the patient and handing instruments as the dentist examines and treats patients. Responsibilities also include taking and processing dental x-rays, sterilizing equipment and maintaining the dental record.

New York State–certified Dental Assistants may:

- provide patient education
- take preliminary medical histories and vital signs for review by a dentist
- place and remove rubber dams and matrix bands, remove orthodontic arch wires, ligature tires and periodontal dressings
- select and pre-fit temporary crown and orthodontic bands
- take impressions for study casts
- remove stitches placed by a dentist
- place, condense and carve amalgam restorations

To be considered eligible for admission to the Dental Assisting Program, the following requirements must be met:

- High School graduate or equivalent
- 18 years of age
- Score a minimum of 12.9 on the reading portion of the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) exam
- Submit a physical exam showing the applicant to be in good health with required current immunizations
- Demonstrate professional attitude, dependability and appropriate personal hygiene

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