

Dental Assisting

The Dental Assistant takes on significant responsibility as a member of the dental health care team. Assistants greatly increase the efficiency of the dentist in the delivery of quality oral health care and are valuable members of the dental team. A dental assistant must possess strong communication skills and enjoy working with their hands.

A career as a dental assistant offers many challenges. In addition to assisting the dentist during a variety of procedures, other specific tasks dental assistants may perform include taking and developing dental radiographs (x-rays), sterilizing instruments and equipment and taking impressions of patients' teeth.



The program covers such areas of dentistry as oral anatomy, radiology, nutrition, preventive dentistry, dental materials and clinical applications of dental assisting.

Dental Assistants may also be responsible for

- ♦ providing instructions for oral care following treatment
- ♦ performing office management tasks that often require the use of a computer
- ♦ scheduling appointments, answering the telephone and billing procedures
- ♦ ordering office supplies

The Dental Assisting Program at IU Northwest is accredited by the **American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation**

Employment for Dental Assistants

A graduate of the program is eligible for the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the graduate earns the title: **Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)**

Dental assistants may work in the following areas:

- ♦ private dental offices and clinics
- ♦ hospitals
- ♦ state and local public health facilities
- ♦ educational institutions
- ♦ dental companies



One Year Program Curriculum

FALL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

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| H214 Oral Anatomy | 3 |
| A112 Medical & Dental Emergencies & Dental Therapeutics | 2 |
| A121 Microbiology & Asepsis Techniques | 2 |
| A171 Clinical Science I | 5 |

SPRING SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

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| A131 Dental Materials I | 2 |
| A111 Oral Pathology, Physiology & Anatomy I | 2 |
| A113 Oral Pathology, Physiology & Anatomy II | 1 |
| A172 Clinical Science II | 5 |
| H217 Preventive Dentistry | 2 |

SUMMER I

CREDIT HOURS

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| H242 Introduction to Dentistry | 1 |
| A161 Behavioral Science | 1 |
| H303 Radiology I | 2 |
| H224 Oral Histology & Embryology | 1 |

SUMMER II

CREDIT HOURS

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| A132 Dental Materials II | 2 |
| A162 Oral & Written Communications | 2 |
| A182 Practice Mgmt, Ethics & Jurisprudence | 2 |
| A152 Radiology Clinic II | 1 |

Admission Procedures

Dental Assisting Admission Requirements

- 1) If not previously admitted to IUN, applicants must fill out an **IU Northwest Admissions Application**.
- 2) Applicants *then*, must obtain, complete, and return the **Dental Assisting Application by Aug.15:**

**Indiana University Northwest
Department of Dental Education
3400 Broadway
Gary, IN 46408**

- 3) Those items that must be submitted to the Department of Dental Education by **August 15** are:

- A) Official high school transcripts
- B) Official college and/or university transcript (if applicable)
- C) Dental Assisting Application
- D) Proof of IU Northwest acceptance
- E) Two COMPLETED Recommendation Forms

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Academics/Administrative:

- HH Hawthorn Hall
- LC Library Conf.Center
- LH Lindenwood Hall
- MH Marram Hall
- MP Dunes Med/Prof. Building
- MS Moraine Student Center
- RH Raintree Hall
- SC Savannah Center
- SH Sycamore Hall
- TH Tamarack Hall

Service:

- CC Child Care Center
- CP Chiller Plant
- MR Mailroom
- PP Physical Plant

Parking:

- P Student, Staff & Faculty Permit Parking



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