DENTAL ASSISTANT

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The field of dental health is growing rapidly and trained dental assistants are needed. The Dental Assistant diploma program will prepare you with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in the dental field. The Dental Assistant diploma program curriculum includes instruction in the following areas:

- Dental assisting and materials
- Dental anatomy
- Dental radiology
- Infection control
- HIPAA
- Bloodborne pathogens

Graduates of the Dental Assistant diploma program may directly enter the GACTC Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) certificate program. The EFDA certificate program is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry and leads to licensure as an EFDA. Learn more about the EFDA certificate program at www.gactc.edu.

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

A diploma is issued upon successful completion of the program. The program offers the following certification opportunities:

- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10-hour training
- Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Radiology Health and Safety License
- DANB Certified Dental Assistant *(The fee for this certification is not included in the program tuition & fees.)*

FINANCIAL AID

1. Apply online for the FSA ID username and password at https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch.
2. File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). File online at https://studentaid.gov/usingyour FSA ID. GACTC school code is 015272.
3. Complete the Student Loan Counseling and Master Promissory Note under the Loans and Grants tab at https://studentaid.gov/.
4. Carefully review any communication you receive from the our Financial Aid office and other student aid programs. All requests for information should be returned promptly to the appropriate department or agency, or call the Financial Aid office for assistance at (814) 505-1257 or financial.aid@gactc.edu.

APPLY NOW!

SCHEDULE

Two cohort sessions per year!

- August 19, 2024 through February 20, 2025
- January 6, 2025 through June 30, 2025

    Class Schedule: Monday - Thursday, 11:00am to 7:00pm (Hours may vary due to clinical experiences.)

    Call the Continuing Education Office at (814) 941-8324 for more information.

Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center
www.gactc.edu / (814) 941-TECH

Dental Assistant Diploma Program
2024-2025 Estimated Tuition & Fees

Tuition	**$9,000.00**
Textbooks	
Textbooks *	**$330.00**
Supplies	
Uniforms	**$200.00**
Supplies	**$500.00**
Optional Laptop*	**$900.00**
Fees	
Certifications	**$364.00**
Comprehensive Fee	**$455.00**

Estimated Total Tuition & Fees: **$11,749.00**

Students may be responsible for other fees and supplies not listed above that may be required for program completion.

Textbooks:

ISBN #	Title
9978-0323875561	Dental Radiography Principles & Technology Text/Workbook Bundle (6e)
978-0323884020	Modern Dental Assisting Bundle (14e)

* If you do not wish to receive the required textbooks and/or laptop from the GACTC, you may purchase the textbooks and/or laptop on your own. If you do not receive the textbooks and/or laptop from the GACTC, the cost of the textbooks and/or laptop as detailed in the fees above, will be deducted from your tuition statement. We recommend having access to a computer to use outside of class sessions.