

**Program Number 30-508-3
Technical Diploma • One Term**
ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Think about your last dental visit. Your dentist likely worked closely with a dental assistant to perform your exam or procedures. Dental assistants are vital to the safe and efficient operation of the dental office—they assist the dentist in the treatment room, in the lab, and with business administration. If you're interested in a career that focuses on helping people and offers plenty of variety in the workday, dental assistant is a great choice for you.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Perform a variety of entry-level supportive dental procedures.
- Manage infection and hazard control.
- Produce diagnostic radiographs/digital images.
- Perform basic laboratory procedures.
- Demonstrate professional behaviors, ethics, and appearance.

CAREER AND EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Lakeshore credits transfer to over 30 universities. For more information visit lakeshore.edu/future-students/transfer.

ADMISSIONS AND FIRST SEMESTER ENROLLMENT STEPS

- Submit online application.
- Complete the online Student Success Questionnaire.
- Complete Get Started at Lakeshore appointment.

**Submit transcripts and test scores (optional, highly recommended): College transcripts, along with high school transcripts and test scores from within the last five years, used for course registration. Official transcripts needed for transferring college credit(s) and for financial aid purposes.*

ACADEMIC PREPAREDNESS/FUTURE SEMESTER ENROLLMENT STEPS

If applicable, complete program-specific academic preparedness requirements and enrollment steps prior to enrolling in occupational or core courses. Students will be notified if there is a program waitlist. View the college's program webpage for details: <https://lakeshore.edu/programs-and-courses/career-areas/health-science/dental-assisting>.

APPROXIMATE COSTS

\$157.45 per credit tuition (WI resident) plus \$9.45 per credit student activity fee. Material fee varies depending on course. Other fees vary by program. Visit <https://lakeshore.edu/paying-for-college/tuition-and-fees> for details.

FINANCIAL AID

This program is eligible for financial aid. Visit lakeshore.edu/Financial-Aid or talk with your College Recruiter about how to apply for aid.

SPECIAL NOTE

- Graduates are eligible to apply for Radiography and Infection Control, two sections of the Dental Assistant National Board Exam. The Chairside section of the exam requires two years of chairside experience.
- Hepatitis B vaccination is strongly recommended.
- Dental Exam and American Heart Association BLS Certification must be completed before the start of Dental Health Safety. BLS must be maintained through out the duration of the program.
- To complete the clinical portion of this program, site specific health and immunization documentation will be required.
- Accelerate your learning, earn credit for what you know, and get personalized support to reach your goals. The full CBE definition may be found at lakeshore.edu/CBE.

CONTACT

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Term 1		
31508304	Dental Anatomy	2
31508307	Professionalism	1
10508103	Dental Radiography	2
10508113	Dental Materials	2
10508101	Dental Health Safety*	1
31508338	Chairside Lecture	2
31508339	Chairside Lab	3
31508306	Dental Assistant Clinical	3
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*Begins one week before the term starts

Curriculum and program acceptance requirements are subject to change. Program start dates vary; check with your Academic Counselor for details. The tuition and fees are approximate based on 2026-2027 rates and are subject to change prior to the start of the academic year.

CHAIRSIDE LAB...students will learn the correct way to position themselves on the assistant and clinician stool, how to seat the patient for treatment, and how to assist the dentist with basic dental procedures such as examinations, pain control, amalgam and cosmetic restorations. Students learn to chart oral cavity structures, dental pathology, and restorations. Students learn how to coronal polish and the correct brushing /flossing techniques. CONDITION: 305083 Dental Assistant admission requirements met

CHAIRSIDE LECTURE...students will develop the knowledge about the basic components and equipment of the dental office, and the fundamentals of dental assisting. Students will examine some of the specialties of dental assisting as well as how to handle a patient that may become problematic while assisting. Students learn to focus on the health history to prevent office emergencies. CONDITION: 305083 Dental Assistant admission requirements met

DENTAL & GENERAL ANATOMY...prepares dental assistant students to apply fundamentals of general and dental anatomy to informed decision-making and to professional communication with colleagues and patients. CONDITION: 305083 Dental Assistant admission requirements met

DENTAL ASSISTANT CLINICAL...allows students to apply the skills developed in Dental Health Safety, Dental Chairside Lec/Lab, Dental Materials Lec/Lab, Dental Radiography Lec/Lab, and Professionalism in a clinical setting with patients. It emphasizes the integration of coreabilities and basic communication skills. COREQUISITES: 31508304 Den Anatomy, 31508307 Professionalism, 10508103 Den Radiography, 10508113 Den Materials, 10508101 Den Health Safety, 31508338 Chairside Lec, 31508339 Chairside Lab and CONDITION: 305083 Dental Assistant admission requirements met

DENTAL ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL...prepares dental assistant students for professional success in a dental practice or another dental health care environment. Students develop professional appearance and image. More importantly, they learn to work within the ethical guidelines and legal framework. In preparation for entering the work force, dental assistant students customize or develop their portfolios and lay out an on-going professional development plan. CONDITION: 305083 Dental Assistant admission requirements met

DENTAL HEALTH SAFETY...prepares dental assistant students to respond proactively to dental emergencies, control infection, prevent disease, adhere to OSHA Standards, and safely manage hazardous materials. Students also take patient vital signs and collect patient medical/dental histories. CPR certification is a prerequisite; students will be required to show proof of certification before beginning the course. CONDITION: 105081 Dental Hygienist or 305083 Dental Assisting or 305082 Dental Assistant admission requirements met

DENTAL MATERIALS...prepares dental auxiliary students to handle and prepare dental materials such as liners, bases, cements, amalgam, resin restorative materials, gypsum products, and impression materials. They also learn to take alginate impressions on manikins and clean removable appliances. This course is aligned to serve students in the Dental Hygienist and Dental Assistant programs. COREQUISITE: 10508101 Dental Health Safety and CONDITION: 105081 Dental Hygienist or 305083 Dental Assisting or 305082 Dental Assistant admission requirements met

DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY...prepares dental auxiliary students to operate radiographic equipment and expose bitewing, periapical, extra oral, and occlusal images. Emphasis is placed on protection against x-ray hazards. Students also produce, mount, and evaluate dental images for diagnostic value. This course also provides the background in radiographic theory required for students to make informed decisions and adjustments. COREQUISITE: 10508101 Dental Health Safety and CONDITION: 105081 Dental Hygienist or 305083 Dental Assisting or 305082 Dental Assistant admission requirements met