

# DENTAL ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE



A Program Overview of the Health Science Career Cluster

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## Programs At-A-Glance

### Dental Assistant Certificate

Available at LSC-Kingwood

[LoneStar.edu/Dental-Hygiene-CE](http://LoneStar.edu/Dental-Hygiene-CE)

**Median Wage:** \$32,350

Lone Star College Dental Assistant Certificate is a great pathway to an exciting career. Dental assistants fulfill a wide variety of roles that include: preparing patients for dental procedures, ensuring the sterility of the dental environment, assisting dentist during procedures by providing tools and materials, working with suppliers to schedule deliveries, helping patients schedule appointments, educating patients on proper oral health, and taking patient x-rays. Students entering this field should value a team approach and love to interact with people.

Dental assistants greatly increase the efficiency of the dentist in the delivery of quality oral health care and are valuable members of the dental care team. If you have strong communication skills, enjoy working with your hands as well as your mind and want a career with responsibility, dental assisting is for you. Dental assisting is a challenging and rewarding career, demanding versatility and a willingness to assume responsibility for many different tasks.

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Prepares for Registered Dental Exam

<sup>1</sup>Wage Data is based on annual salaries from Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Employment Statistics, 2014, [www.bls.gov/oes](http://www.bls.gov/oes).

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**Fast-track Career Certificate**  
*332 Contact Hours*

**Corporate  
College**

Dental Assisting I

Dental Assisting II

Dental Assisting III (Clinical)

Dental Assisting Review, Exam (TSBDE)

Professional development opportunities are available for additional training and licensure.

Representative career titles and job positions for this program plan include:

- **Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)**
- **Dental Assistant (DA)**<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Position titles vary by employer and location.

**Complete your Dental Assistant Certificate in 1 year!**

