

# Dental Assistant



Main dental clinic where students receive hands-on training.

## Help Make a Difference in Oral Health

The Dental Assistant program at Lake Washington Institute of Technology (LWTech) is the largest program of its kind in Washington State, and provides a high-quality education leading to employment in a high-demand career. If you have an interest in helping others through work in healthcare, and enjoy working as a member of a team of skilled professionals, then the LWTech Dental Assistant program is for you!

LWTech Dental Assistant students are educated in a full-service clinic, open to the public. They work alongside certified dental assisting faculty, licensed dentists, and registered dental hygiene faculty on actual patients and spend a lot of time in the clinic. This experience prepares students to work in general practice facilities, but also explores possible careers in pediatric, orthodontic, and preventive dentistry fields.

Offered are:

- The Certificate of Proficiency – four quarters of dental assisting courses and 20 credits of general education courses
- The Associate of Applied Science – Dental Assistant adds a 3 credit technical elective requirement

The Dental Assistant program begins twice a year in the Spring and the Fall quarters.



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**[LWTech.edu/DentalAssistant](http://LWTech.edu/DentalAssistant)**

## In-Demand Career

Dental Assisting is one of the hottest in-demand careers in health care, in both King and Snohomish counties. The program has an excellent job placement rate for graduates, with many students having jobs before graduation. Graduates have opportunities for further education as well, many choose to work in the field and then apply to the LWTech Bachelor of Applied Science programs in Public Health or Dental Hygiene.

- Curriculum prepares students for the CDA exam and Dental Assisting National Boards
- CODA accredited
- Average WA state salary of \$41,490/year
- Average Wage in King County at \$19.95/hr<sup>1</sup>

## The future is yours!

<sup>1</sup>Salary and wage/hour from O\*Net OnLine [onetonline.org/link/summary/31-9091.00](http://onetonline.org/link/summary/31-9091.00)

## Entrance into the program requires:

- A high school diploma or GED
- Completion of ABED 040 Adult Basic Education Math II (or placement into Math 087 or higher)
- Completion of ABED 046 Writing (or placement into ENGL 093 or higher)

## Preparing for the program:

- Apply to the college
- Register for the program courses and possibly a general education course
- Complete the paperwork in the information packet that is mailed to new students. Turn in paperwork at orientation on the first day of the quarter. This includes: signing and returning your acceptance form, verifying and/or obtaining required vaccinations and examinations, and paying for your instrument issue at the campus bookstore.

## General Education requirements – 20 credits:

- 5 Written Communications
- 5 CMST& 210 or CMST& 220 or CMST& 230
- 5 Quantitative Reasoning
- 5 Psychology

See the General Education requirements in the catalog

## Technical Elective – 3 credits

- For the AAS degree, talk to a faculty advisor or instructor for pre-approval



Dental Assistant student (on right) working with Dental Hygiene student.

# Find out more!

## Student Success Navigator

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- Full-time program admissions information
- Application requirements
- Program cost questions

## Veteran Student Success Coordinator

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- Veterans or current military personnel

## Online Admissions Information:

[LWTech.edu/enrollment](http://LWTech.edu/enrollment)

Please visit the Foundation Scholarship page for the latest scholarship application:

[LWTech.edu/foundationsscholarships](http://LWTech.edu/foundationsscholarships)

