

Certified Dental Assistant

Aligned Program of Study: Therapeutic Services

Description

Dental assistants work along-side dentists as they examine and treat patients. They position patients for comfort, assemble the necessary equipment for treatment, and obtain patients' dental records. Dental assistants also perform duties in the dental office and laboratory.

Preparing to offer the certification

Required Instructor Qualification

CTE teachers with a Health Science endorsement are eligible to prepare students for this certification.

Materials and Resources

Preparation material availability varies by test owner and vendor

Vendors + Certification Information

If TDOE does not currently have a data-sharing agreement with your selected vendor, the burden of proof to provide evidence of earning the certification will be on the school system.

Materials, resources, registration, testing sites, test details, and prices vary by vendor. The following vendors are accredited by the <i>Institute for Credentialing Excellence</i> . * indicates a data-sharing agreement MOU with TDOE		
Test Owner	Test Vendor	Test Information
American Medical Technologists	Pearson VUE	Test handbook
Dental Assisting National Board	Pearson VUE	Test handbook

Other things to consider when selecting a vendor

Accreditation is the process by which a credentialing or educational program is evaluated against defined standards and is awarded recognition if it complies with those standards. The Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) currently offers accreditation to professional certification programs through the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) which is recognized by the Department of Defense. All Health Science promoted industry certification credentialing companies are accredited through ICE.