Career Description
Dental Assistants perform a variety of patient care, office, and laboratory duties. They sterilize and disinfect instruments and equipment, prepare and lay out the instruments and materials required to treat each patient, and obtain and update patients’ dental records. Assistants make patients comfortable in the dental chair and prepare them for treatment. During dental procedures, assistants work alongside the dentist to provide assistance. They hand instruments and materials to dentists and keep patients’ mouths dry and clear by using suction hoses or other devices.

Program Features
This program provides the educational environment and experiences to prepare for employment as a dental assistant. The program graduate has the knowledge and skills necessary to assist during the delivery of dental care, perform supportive treatment procedures and basic business office tasks. Graduates may take the Dental Assisting National Board examination to become a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA).

Admission Requirements
In addition to the Wichita Area Technical College Admissions Policy, students must meet all requirements located on the Dental Assistant Admission Checklist.

Costs *
Tuition $5,238.00
Fees $1,767.00
Lab Fees $1,568.00
Total $8,573.00
*Cost does not include online fees, books or tools

Start Dates
August 2013
August 2014

Associate of Applied Science 62 Credits

Required Technical Courses
DAS 113 Dental Materials I 4
DAS 114 Dental Radiology I 3
DAS 119 Dental Anatomy 2
DAS 120 Dental Science 2
DAS 122 Chairside Assisting I 4
DAS 140 Chairside Assisting II 2
DAS 146 Dental Radiology II 1
DAS 147 Dental Practice Management 3
DAS 148 Dental Materials II 1
DAS 149 Infection Control for Dental Practice 2
DAS 150 Clinical Experience 7
DAS 215 Supragingival Scaling 5

Required General Education Courses
CED 115 Computer Applications 3
CPR 001 CPR for Healthcare Providers 1
ENG 101 Composition I 3
MTH 112 College Algebra 3
PSY 101 General Psychology 3
BIO 150 Human Anatomy and Physiology 5
ALH 101 Medical Terminology 3
ALH 131 Diseases, Disorders and Diagnostic Procedures 2
SPH 101 Public Speaking 3
OR
SPH 111 Interpersonal Communication 3
Total 62

Accreditations/Affiliations
WATC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. The Higher Learning Commission 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500 Chicago, IL 60604 www.ncahlc.org • 800.621.7440

The program is also accredited by:
Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association 211 E. Chicago Avenue Chicago, IL 60611-2678 312.440.4653
**Success Rate**

This chart contains the results of the one-year follow-up study conducted in 2011 of 2010-11 Wichita Area Technical College postsecondary program completers. WATC defines success as those graduates who have found placement in a job, the military or are enrolled in advanced study.

Graduates * Placement for all employed in the military or continuing their education

| Dental Assistant | 16* | 87.5% |

* Graduates Eligible and Contacted in follow-up study

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**Wages**

BLS Data Source: Bureau of labor Statistics (2010); State of Kansas

Mean wages. WATC does not guarantee the below wages, but has matched training programs to job titles and mean wages in Kansas.

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