



Personality + Career

SCC Dental Assisting students are good communicators, organized, flexible, and empathetic. They like to work in a team setting and are willing to learn and ask questions.

Program	What do students learn in the program?	What you'll earn!	Career Opportunities	Certificate Preparation	Required Tools, Supplies, and Uniforms
Dental Assisting Diploma	Classes are taught in a flipped classroom environment, with engaged learning in lecture classes and hands-on learning in the labs. You will learn a wide range of tasks and procedures regarding infection control, assisting the dentist with various procedures, taking radiographs, coronal polishing, taking impressions, preparing and mixing dental materials, fabricating temporary crowns/bridges, office management tasks, oral hygiene instructions, ordering supplies, communication, and educating the patient before, during and after treatment.	\$21.40 per hour; \$44,512 annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Dental Assistant • Dental Assistant • Orthodontic Assistant • Licensed Dental Assistant • Dental Claims Processor • Office Manager 	The one-year diploma program allows graduates to take the national board exam to become a Certified Dental Assistant and a Nebraska Licensed Dental Assistant.	Uniform and supplies required. More information will be shared at program advising and program orientation.
Dental Assisting Associate of Applied Science	In addition to the required General Education courses, students learn advanced Dental Assisting Scope duties such as: administration of nitrous oxide (laughing gas), final impressions for fixed (crowns and bridges) and removable (partials and dentures) prosthesis, denture/partial adjustments, and contour and cementation of primary crowns (on baby teeth). Advanced Scope course is taught in a hybrid format. All of the lecture content is delivered online, while the lab component is scheduled on a specific date and time on campus with a supervising dentist.	salary listed is an average for all credentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Dental Assistant • Dental Assistant • Orthodontic Assistant • Licensed Dental Assistant • Dental Claims Processor • Office Manager 	Graduates of the A.A.S. program are able to apply for a permit that is added to their existing dental assistant license. This permit increases the services and procedures they are able to perform.	Provide your own uniform. Lab supplies are included in course.

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» Paying for SCC

- ▶ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
- ▶ Scholarships - southeast.edu/scholarships
- ▶ Payment Plan - mycollegepaymentplan.com/southeast
- ▶ Veteran Education Benefits - southeast.edu/veterans-services
- ▶ GAP Assistance Program - southeast.edu/gap
- ▶ Children of State Teammate Tuition Reimbursement Program - southeast.edu/children-of-state-teammate-tuition-reimbursement-program



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Dental Assisting



Put your interpersonal and technical skills to work in a high-demand career as a dental assistant. You will gain hands-on skills as well as learn optimal practices and procedures in our new state-of-the-art facility with the latest technology in order to work chairside in a dental office.

As a dental assistant, you may take X-rays, prepare and sterilize equipment, take impressions of patients' teeth, polish teeth, assist the dentist with a variety of procedures, communicate with other health care professionals, and perform office-management tasks.

This program is accredited by the American Dental Association-Commission on Dental Accreditation (ADA-CODA), 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, 312-440-2500 or 800-621-8099, www.ada.org

This program leads to licensure or certification. Refer to the program's webpage for information on states and territories where this program does and does not meet requirements. For more information, contact the program director.

Program Contact Information

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The SCC Experience

- » We offer simulated hands-on learning in our lab to prepare you to work with patients in a clinical setting. Your educational experience also includes training in our eight fully functional dental operators as well as other educational tools.
- » All of our instructors are graduates of the SCC Dental Assisting program, and each one is a Nationally Certified Dental Assistant and Licensed Dental Assistant in the state of Nebraska. Our faculty's clinical experience is a valuable asset to students as they share first-hand experience and knowledge with students, further preparing them to enter the workforce.
- » SCC's students' clinical rotations start at the University of Nebraska Medical Center - College of Dentistry. We partner with private dental offices and public clinics to offer a variety of clinical site experiences during your last term of the diploma program.
- » Coronal Polish and X-ray certificates are included in our program.



Related SCC Pathways:

- Associate of Health Sciences
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Laboratory Technology



Program	What is the starting term for each program option?	In what term do students start clinicals?	Where do students participate in clinicals?	In general, what time of day and days of the week can students expect to attend clinical?	Will the program help student secure their sites? Do students need to contact clinical sites prior to acceptance/placement?	How many clinical hours do students complete in the program?
Dental Assisting Diploma	FT: Fall and Spring PT: Fall	FT: Second term of the program PT: Summer term	FT: UNMC College of Dentistry, various dental clinics in Lincoln PT: UNMC College of Dentistry	FT: Monday - Friday, with clinicals scheduled between 7 am - 6 pm, depending on the semester. PT: M- Th during final term of the program	The clinical coordinator will place students in clinical sites based on required hours, procedures, and availability. Students should not contact potential clinical sites.	FT & PT: 320 hours

Program	Location	Credit Hours	Tuition/Fees*	Books/Fees/Supplies	Total Cost*	Starting Term(s)	Number of Semesters Required- Full Time	Is Summer term required for Full Time?	Online Option	Can the program be completed entirely online?	Part-Time Option	Typical Class Schedule
Dental Assisting Diploma	Lincoln	33	R- \$4,059 NR- \$4,752	\$1,644	R- \$5,703 NR- \$6,396	Fall and Spring	FT: 3 PT: 6	FT & PT: Yes	FT & PT: No	FT & PT: No	Yes	FT: 2 full-days, 3 half-days; Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. PT: Fall - 2 full-days and 1 half-day. Spring - 2 full-days. Summer - 1 day clinical and 2 full-days. Fall - 2.5 days clinical and 1 day on campus.
Dental Assisting Associate of Applied Science	Lincoln	60	R- \$7,380 NR- \$8,640	\$800	R- \$8,180 NR- \$9,440	Fall and Spring	4	No	No	No	No	On campus lab approximately 12-16 hours. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*R=Resident, NR=Non-resident. Costs listed are estimates and are subject to change based on the market price of books, supplies, tools, uniforms, etc. Estimated costs also include tuition and fees. Additionally, days/times of week for class, lab, clinical/practicum are subject to change based on curriculum, facilities, instructor, and site availability. Actual program schedules will be provided prior to each enrolled term.