

Dental Assistant

Dental assistants are critical members of a dental office team who work with dentists and hygienists to provide safe and comfortable visit. Dental Assistants may be Clinical Assistants, Administrative Assistants, or both.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

CLINICAL ASSISTANT

- Works side-by-side with dentists and hygienists for all clinical care, including fillings, surgery, cleanings and more
- Educates patients – brushing and flossing, nutrition, post-surgery care
- Performs X-rays and dental molds
- Sterilizes equipment and preps patient rooms

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

- Schedules appointments
- Maintains dental records
- Collects payments and submits claims
- Orders and stocks supplies



PLAN YOUR CAREER PATH

GET TRAINED

- Kapiolani Community College offers a Dental Assisting program for one or two semesters. No prerequisites required.
- Private Dental Assisting programs are also available.
- On-the-job training is offered by many dental offices.

GET HIRED

- 94% of the respondents in an HDS Foundation survey said there is a need for dental assistants in Hawaii. Job opportunities can be found online or by approaching dental offices.

GET PROMOTED

- Dental Assistants with advanced skills and experience can become a Certified Dental Assistant which can earn more pay.

DENTAL ASSISTANT PERKS

- Pay range \$18-20 per hour or more depending on skill level
- Part-time or full-time positions
- Benefits may be available including health insurance, life insurance, bonuses
- Teamwork in a professional environment
- Flexible and predictable schedule