

Registered Dental Assistant

Program Information Sheet for 2023-2024

Program Description

This 34-week program prepares students with the necessary manipulative skills, technical knowledge and experience for entry-level employment as a Registered Dental Assistant.

Through a combination of lecture, laboratory and clinical experience, students will receive skills training in the following: infection control, Dental Practice Act, dental anatomy, dental terminology, dental radiation safety, coronal polish, pit and fissure sealants, dental instrumentation, materials and equipment, and BLS (Basic Life Support). Each student will also participate in clinical training through our “community classroom,” which includes instruction in a dental office working side by side with the dentist and dental team members.

Program Objectives

Students successfully completing this program will receive the following certificates: Certificate of Competency, Basic Life Support, Dental Radiation Safety, Coronal Polish, Infection Control, Dental Practice Act, and Pit and Fissure Sealants. Completers are eligible for the Registered Dental Assistant Examination offered by the Dental Board of California.

Application Process: Apply online at cte.bcoe.org

Application acceptance window:	February 24th, 2023 - April 14th, 2023		
Program Dates:	August 21, 2023 - May 3, 2024	Interviews by appointment on:	May 30 - May 31, 2023
Orientation notification made by:	April 18, 2023	Acceptance notification made by:	June 2, 2023
Mandatory orientation by appointment:	May 3, 2023	Financial Aid Workshop:	June 16, 2023
Interview notification by:	May 5, 2023	Program Fee due by close of business:	July 21, 2023



This course is approved for federal financial aid

Location

Butte County CTE/ROP Adult Center
2491 Carmichael Drive, Suite 200, Chico, CA

Schedule

Dates of Class: **August 21, 2023 - May 3, 2024**

- Class Days & Times: 8/21/2023 - 2/15/2024, M-F, 8:15AM to 2:45PM
- Community Classroom Days & Times: 2/20/2024 - 5/3/2024, M-F, 8:00AM to 5:00PM (schedule may vary)
- Fall Break: November 20 - November 26, 2023
- Winter Break: December 25, 2023 - January 5, 2024
- Spring Break: Varies by student

Prerequisites

- High school diploma or equivalent
- At least 18 years of age
- Ability to read at a 10th grade level
- Computer skills
- TB clearance – current two-phase (required prior to the first day of class)
- Hepatitis B immunization (verification of first immunization or completed series required prior to the first day of class)

Estimated Cost

- Program Fee: **\$7,000** (includes registration, scrubs, materials, supply kit, CPR).
- Variable Expenses: up to **\$800** (includes PPE, textbooks, Hepatitis B and influenza immunizations, TB clearance, shoes, safety glasses, study and project supplies and State RDA Exam fees and expenses)
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Contact us!

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