

Diploma

Dental Assistant Professional Diploma

Successfully Training Dental Assistants since 1991

Your Career in Dental Assisting Starts Here

Are you ready to take the first step towards becoming a dental assistant and make a vital impact in the dental healthcare industry?

Columbia College's Dental Assistant Professional Diploma Program offers an accelerated path, allowing you to graduate in just 31 weeks. With experienced instructors, modern facilities, and a practical learning approach, this program equips you with the skills, technical knowledge, and clinical experience necessary for success in the dental healthcare profession. You will gain the skills to provide patient care in collaboration with healthcare providers, while adhering to provincial regulations and working within the scope of practice for dental assistants in your registered province of employment.

Enroll in Columbia College's accredited Dental Assistant Professional Diploma Program and pave the way to becoming a skilled dental assistant.

Quality education employers value.

Connect with an advisor today for detailed program information:

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Program Statistics



93%

Employment Rate
2025-2026



95%

Graduation Rate
2025-2026



up to
\$30

Per Hour
Starting Salary

Type	Diploma
Program Delivery	In-Person
Start Dates	Spring and Fall
Duration	31 Weeks
Class Schedule	Mon - Fri 7:30am - 5:00 pm (students attend classes mostly ½ days, to permit time for pre-class/clinic learning)
Program Fees	\$24,535.00 *Subject to change with new academic year

Admission Requirements

For entry into the Dental Assistant Professional Diploma Program, students may qualify through Standard Admission or Mature Admission:

Standard Admission

Students who are **18 years of age or under** can apply through Standard Admission, meeting the following criteria:

- Alberta high school diploma, verified by transcript, or Canadian equivalent,
- Minimum 60% in English 30-1 or 70% in English 30-2 **or** successfully meet entry levels on the ACCUPLACER Assessment test.
- Must be 18 years of age by the start of Clinic, (*approx. 5-weeks after the start of classes*)

Mature Admission

Prospective students who are **19 years of age or older** can apply through Mature Admission, meeting the following criteria:

- Have been out of high school for 1 year
- Have met academic English requirements or successfully meet entry levels on the ACCUPLACER Assessment test **or** equivalent.

Additional and Clinical Requirements

- **Orientation Attendance:** Attend Columbia College's Dental Assistant Program Orientation prior to the start of the program.
- **Admissions Interview(s)** to determine suitability for the profession and opportunity for success in the program.
- **Security Clearance:** Must be received prior to start of first practicum placement.
- **Up-to-date Immunization Record:** Proof vaccination must be received prior to program start.
- **Health & Wellness Status, including Oral Health.** Proof of up to date dental treatments to be provided within 4 months of program start.
- **CPR Certification.** Verification of CPR must be submitted prior to the first day of clinic.

Tuition-Free College Prep Upgrading

Do you need to upgrade your academic skills before starting college? Our tuition-free College Prep Upgrading courses provide students with the tools they need to succeed in college-level courses.

**Conditions apply. Speak to an advisor for more information.*