

STANDARDS FOR CAREER READY PRACTICE

- Apply appropriate technical skills and academic knowledge
- Communicate clearly, effectively, and with reason
- Develop an education and career plan aligned with personal goals.
- Apply technology to enhance productivity.
- Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- Practice personal health and understand financial literacy.
- Act as a responsible citizen in the workplace and the community.
- Model integrity, ethical leadership, and effective management.
- Work productively in teams while integrating cultural and global competence.
- Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- Employ valid and reliable research strategies
- Understand the environmental, social, and economic impacts of decisions.

The AC²E Vision

The Academy for College and Career Excellence, in partnership with our parents and community, strives to create a safe environment where students are empowered to discover their strengths and to achieve their maximum potential. Students are encouraged to become lifelong learners who are prepared to meet the challenges of a culturally diverse society along with the demands of current and future job markets.

ROP/CTE COURSES OFFERED

(Not all courses are offered each semester)

- 911 Communications Dispatcher*
- Private Security Guard*
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Development
- Culinary Arts
- Woodworking Occupations
- Furniture & Cabinet Manufacturing
- Cyber Security*
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle*
- Pharmacy Technician*
- Medical Assistant
- Registered Dental Assistant*

*Open to adults

Populations Served

- Black Rock High School
- Twentynine Palms High School
- Yucca Valley High School
- Adult Learners

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Morongo Unified School District
Academy of College & Career Excellence

Registered Dental Assistant





Course Description

This is a comprehensive course that prepares students for the field of Dental Assisting. The course includes classroom theory, clinical/lab practice, and community classroom (internship) hours. The course has been approved by the Dental Board of California, which allows those students successfully completing the course to take the examination for licensure as registered dental assistants.

47 Modules including:

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Terminology
- Front office operations
- Radiology
- Chair side procedures
- Infection Control
- CPR

Why a Registered Dental Assistant?

Dental assistants perform many tasks, ranging from patient care and taking x-rays to recordkeeping and scheduling appointments.

Dental assistants typically do the following:

- Ensure that patients are comfortable in the dental chair
- Prepare patients and the work area for treatments and procedures
- Sterilize dental instruments
- Hand instruments to dentists during procedures
- Dry patients' mouths using suction hoses and other equipment
- Instruct patients in proper oral hygiene
- Process x rays and complete lab tasks, under the direction of a dentist
- Keep records of dental treatments
- Schedule patient appointments
- Work with patients on billing and payment



Career Outlook

Employment of dental assistants is projected to grow 7 percent from 2019 to 2029, faster than the average for all occupations. Ongoing research linking oral health and general health will continue to increase the demand for preventive dental services. Dentists will continue to hire dental assistants to complete routine tasks, allowing dentists to work more efficiently. As dental practices grow, more dental assistants will be needed.

Careers in Dental

- Dental Assistant
(Requires on-the-job training or a certificate program)
- Dental Hygienist
(Requires an Associate's or Bachelor's degree)
- Dentist
(Requires a doctoral or professional degree)

Median Salaries for Dental Assistants by Industry*

Government	\$44,940
Offices of dentists	\$41,180
Offices of physicians	\$38,600

*Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics