

# Is dental assisting right for me?



If you are a detail oriented, organized, multi-tasker who can work independently and enjoys helping people, explore your options as a dental assistant!

Dental assistants work in a variety of settings and have one of the most flexible and in-demand roles on a dental team. A dental assisting certification takes less than one year to earn with immediate job opportunities available for graduates.

## Where can dental assistants work?

Dental private practice • Orthodontics • Dental laboratory • Oral surgery  
Pediatric dentistry • Endodontics • Periodontics • Public Health Education

### Sponsorships & scholarships:

Employer sponsorships fund education and provide job certainty after graduation.

Scholarships available to fund testing fees



### **\$22.31/hr** Average salary in ND

North Dakota ranks in the top 10 for dental assistant salaries (Rankings provided by DANB)



### **100%** Job placement rate

60% of ND dentists surveyed plan to hire a dental assistant in the next year

There is a shortage of dental assistants in North Dakota



### **Fast track to employment**

Certification can be obtained in 10 months

Many dental assistants are employed within one year of entering a program

## Area dental assisting programs:

North Dakota State College of Science-Wahpeton

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Minnesota State Community and Technical College-Moorhead

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