Dental Assistant

**Job Description:** Uses math and science to assist Dentists with equipment set-up, patient care, and record keeping.

**What does a Dental Assistant do?**

Cleans patient’s teeth and preps patients to visit with the dentist.

Sterilizes and cleans equipment.

Keeps detailed records on each patient organized and up to date.

Teaches patients about oral hygiene and instructs patients in post-operative care.

Assists dentists in medical emergencies.

**Outlook: Bright**

Average Salary - $16.42 hourly, $34,140 annual

Projected Job Openings – 154,000 over the next 10 years

**Your Interests:**

Do you like working with people?

Do you like helping others, especially in emergencies?

Do you like organizing and planning?

Do you have good communication skills?

**Education/Program of Study:**

Training in vocational schools, Related on the job training, or Associate’s Degree