Program Length/Schedule:
1230 hours/approx. 12 months (full-time)
This program is offered once a year: January
Delivery Method: Traditional - 100% classroom-based.
M - F 7:05 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.

Admission Requirements:
• High School or High School Equivalency Diploma
• Complete a Program Orientation
• Basic Skills Testing or Exemption
• Meet with Program Counselor/Advisor
• Clearance on FDLE Level II Background Check
• Negative Drug Test Results
• Immunizations and Physical

Students enrolling in any Health Science Education program must undergo a Level II criminal background check and drug screening, per The Joint Commission. Students who do not have a valid social security number may encounter difficulty with certain state licensing agencies and registries. Contact the program counselor/advisor for specific information.

Job Outlook in the Ft. Lauderdale area:
• Demand for Dental Assistants is expected to grow about 15% between 2015 and 2023. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics).
• Entry level wages for Dental Assistants are about $14/hour (Source: The FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity). Actual wages vary according to education, experience and certifications.

Course Content:
Students will be taught the basic knowledge and skills to offer direct chairside assistance to the dentist, expose dental radiographs, and educate and instruct patients in preventive dental care. Students will be trained in infection control procedures, disease prevention, dental procedures and instruments and business office procedures. Upon successful completion of the program and in accordance with state guidelines, students are issued an Applied Technology Diploma (ATD) in Dental Assisting Technology and Management with Expanded Duties and Dental Radiography.

Additional Skills Covered:
• Anatomy & Physiology (Dental Anatomy & Nomenclature)
• Bloodborne Diseases HIV/AIDS, HBV
• Clinical Dental Procedures
• Communication & Interpersonal Skills
• Computer Literacy
• CPR, BLS Healthcare Provider
• Dental Radiography
• Dental Specialties Terminology & Material
• Domestic Violence
• HIPAA
• Infection Control Procedures
• Legal and Ethical Responsibilities
• Patient Care, Dental/Surgical
• Pharmacology and Pain Control
• Safety & Emergency Procedures (Dental Office)
• Sterilization Techniques, Principles & Processes
• Wellness & Disease Concepts

The program in dental assisting is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission’s web address is: http://www.ada.org/en/coda.

Enroll in This Fast Track Program for a Career in a Year

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 754-321-5200
TUITION, LAB, ASSESSMENT, REGISTRATION, ACTIVITY FEE, INSURANCE (approximate costs) $4,302

HEALTH & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Physical exam - Annual
- Tuberculin (PPD) 2-Step (X2) or Chest X-ray - Annual
- Drug Testing - by Authorized Lab Only
- Level 2 Background Check (Approved Vendor Only)
- Compliance Tracking Subscription (Approved Vendor Only)

IMMUNIZATIONS:
- Vaccine (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis) (DTaP or TDaP)
- MMR Vaccine Series (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) (X2) or Titer
- Hepatitis B Vaccine Series (X3) or Titer or Authorized Declination Form
- Varicella Vaccine (X2) or Titer
- Influenza Vaccine (Flu Shot)

UNIFORMS: UNIFORM TOPS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE ATC BOOKSTORE.
- All White or Black Leather Shoes - closed front and back
- Uniform Top with ATC Logo and Uniform Pants
- Scrub Jacket

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION:
Industry certification and state credential exam costs are additional. However, you may qualify for reimbursement of your exam cost(s) upon passing the exam. See your program counselor/advisor for more information.

BOOKS/SUPPLIES:
For a list of books and prices go to www.atlantictechnicalcollege.edu/bookstore-price-list/ or visit the bookstore on campus. Additional supply information can be found in the syllabus located on the Web page for this program.

Your Action Plan Checklist - Get Started Today!

☐ Step 1 | Attend a Program Orientation

☐ Step 2 | Take the Basic Skills Test or meet exemption criteria
- See your counselor/advisor for details on test exemptions/receive test results.
- Accommodations for testing are available to qualified individuals. Visit the Office of Disability Services for details before testing.

☐ Step 3 | Meet with your counselor/advisor
- Receive test results
- Discuss technical or academic program placement
- Discuss special needs (unique situations)
- Review Financial Aid

☐ Step 4 | Registration and Enrollment

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