



DENTAL CAREERS

Course Description:

Students will become proficient in chair-side dental assisting and be prepared for working in a dental office.

- Students will be exposed to dental hygiene, dental lab assistant, dental assistant, and dentist career opportunities, as well as all other aspects within a dental office.
- The lab is equipped with dental chairs, lighting, X-Ray, equipment and updated technology to give authentic hands-on learning in a simulated dental office setting.
- Students will learn medical terminology and medical math.
- Students may have opportunities for clinicals in local dental offices.



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Students who would benefit from this program are those who enjoy problem solving, communicating effectively and have a desire to work in the field of dentistry.

High School Credit: Students will earn elective credit at their high school upon completion of this course. Please see a high school counselor (based on district decision) for eligibility towards 4th-year math-related credit, VPAA credit, and waived credits for third year science and second year world language.

College Credit: Several Michigan post-secondary education partners offer direct and articulate credit for this course. For specifics, visit the *College & Career Services* tab on our website.

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LENGTH OF PROGRAM

1 year

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Related Careers with 2022 Median Annual Pay from O*Net

- Dental Hygienists \$ 62,180
- Dental Assistant \$ 37,640
- Dentist \$164,040
- Orthodontists \$175,000
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Course Outline:

1st Semester: Disinfection, Sterilization, Hand-washing, HIPAA, OSHA, Medical math, Medical terminology, Restorative fillings, Ethics, and Radiographs.

2nd Semester: Crown & bridges, Implants, Oral surgery, Financial freedom, Mock interviewing, and Work experience.

Resources Used:

Modern Dental Assisting; Variety of dental and hygiene equipment.

Post-secondary Partners:

Grand Rapids Community College, Ferris State University, and Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Work-Based Learning: All students at CTC have the opportunity to participate in experiences (such as guest speakers, tours, and work experiences) that connect them with local employers in their program area.

WBL Partners: Five week clinical in local dentist office.

We have a very strong Advisory Board, as well as business connections with many of our former students who are working in industry and/or business owners. This network makes for excellent support in work-based learning, job opportunities, speaking and training opportunities for our students.

Safety Trainings Provided In: X-Ray, CPR, OSHA certification.

Student Leadership Opportunities: Students can participate in activities with classmates and outside community partners to strengthen their leadership skills.