

Dental Assisting Course w/Optional Externship Allied Health Program

The purpose of the Dental Assisting course is to familiarize students with all areas of administrative and clinical dental assisting, focusing on the responsibilities required to function as an assistant in a dental practice. The course includes hands-on skills training and CPR certification. This course covers the following key areas and topics:

- Introduction to the dental office and history of dentistry and dental assisting.
- Sciences in dentistry.
- Oral health and the prevention of dental disease.
- Infection prevention in dentistry.
- Occupational health & safety.
- Patient information and assessment.
- Foundation of clinical dentistry.
- Radiographic imaging.
- Dental materials.
- Assisting in comprehensive dental care.
- Dental administration and communication skills.

Course Dates: March 3, 2026 – June 25, 2026

Contact Hours: 16 wks.- 144 hrs. classroom + 80 hrs. OPTIONAL externship.

Evenings: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: TC Campus-Health Sciences Building, Room 140
2500 N. Robison Rd, Texarkana, TX 75599

Tuition: **\$2,000** (books included)-*This course is a short-term, non-credit program and therefore is not eligible for FAFSA. However, we do offer a four-month online payment plan with the first payment of \$500 plus a \$30 non-refundable, one-time processing fee submitted at time of enrollment (credit/debit card required). Ask about financial assistance options that may be available for this course.*

Enroll/Register: Please call 903-823-3382 or visit our office in the Nelson Administration Building on campus. Online registration is not available for enrollment in this course.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER OR DROP: Friday, February 27, 2026 by 3pm.

Refund Policy: Students who wish to drop this course may receive a 100% refund upon request (excludes \$30 payment plan processing fee), on or before the drop date listed above.

Internet Access Requirement: All students must have access to the internet during the course for communication purposes. Texarkana College utilizes Microsoft Teams and other online platforms to share course materials, provide updates, and facilitate communication between instructors and students. Reliable internet access is essential for successful participation in the program. Students are welcome to use the Texarkana College Academic Commons Wi-Fi to meet this requirement.

Criminal Background Requirement: For students who may have a criminal background, please be advised that the background could keep you from being licensed by the State of Texas. If you have a question about your background and licensure, please check with the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners by calling 512-463-6400 to discuss your topic of study to determine if you are qualified to obtain a certificate in that field. You also have the right to request a criminal history evaluation letter from the applicable licensing agency.

Questions regarding this course, testing, clinical externship, etc.: Please contact our Community Education Director, Holli Easley at 903-823-3270 or email at: holli.easley@texarkanacollege.edu.