



Allied Health

# Dental Assisting



2

Years

TO DEGREE

1

Year

TO CERTIFICATE

17%

JOB GROWTH

Dental Assisting

65%

U.S. ADULTS VISITED A DENTIST

In the Past Year

## Program Overview

Dental assistants play an important role, not only by taking care of patients' oral health, but by helping them feel comfortable during visits. MPC's Dental Assisting program provides instruction in dental anatomy and health and chairside assisting techniques as well as supervised clinical experience. Students obtain certificates in Infection Control and the Dental Practice Act, Coronal Polish, and The Application of Pit and Fissure Sealants, as well as licensing in Radiation Safety. Graduates are prepared to take the California license exam to qualify as Registered Dental Assistants (RDA) and launch their careers.

## Job Outlook

As the baby boom population ages and as people keep more of their original teeth, demand for dental care continues to grow. Demand for dental assistants is projected to grow at a much faster than average rate of 17% through 2026. There are more than 100 dentists in the Monterey area, giving graduates plenty of local job options, and job skills are transferable statewide wherever you choose to live.

## CAREERS

### Medical Office Receptionists

\$24,860 - \$48,240

### Dental Laboratory Assistants

\$25,710 - \$63,950

### Registered Dental Assistants

\$34,638 - \$53,360

### \*Medical Sales Representatives

\$46,790 - \$165,280

### \*Dental Hygienists

\$81,390 - \$132,930

\* Requires additional training  
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (CA data)



MPC works with local dental offices to provide internship opportunities, while graduates can consult MPC's job board of Monterey area postings for dental assistants.



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Suggested Course Sequence

Associate in  
Science Degree  
MPC GE Pattern

YEAR

1

Total Units:  
29

FALL		SPRING	
	Units		Units
DNTL 100	2	ENGL 1A	3
DNTL 101	2	DNTL 107	0.5
DNTL 102	3	DNTL 108	0.5
DNTL 103	2	DNTL 111	2
DNTL 104	3	DNTL 112	1.5
DNTL 105	2	DNTL 115	2.5
		DNTL 116	5
<b>Total Fall Units</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total Spring Units</b>	<b>15</b>

YEAR

2

Total Units:  
31

FALL		SPRING	
	Units		Units
Area A2	4	AREA C	3
MATH 16 rec.		Area D	3
Area B	4	PSYC 1, SOCI 1 or 2 rec.	
ANAT 5 or CHEM 30A rec.		Area E	3
LIBR 50	1	NUTF 1 rec.	
MPC Elective	3	Area F	3
SPCH 1 or 2 rec.		MPC Electives	4
MPC Elective	3	ANAT 1 & 2 rec.	
<b>Total Fall Units</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Spring Units</b>	<b>16</b>

This is a suggested sequence of coursework and is one pathway for students to earn their degree/certificate. This is not an official educational plan. A counselor is able to assist you with creating a personalized education plan based on your academic, career, and personal goals. For more information about counseling and up-to-date program requirements, please visit [www.mpc.edu/counseling](http://www.mpc.edu/counseling).



*This program exceeded my expectations in every way possible. The instructors are excellent, encouraging, and dedicated to ensuring we received the best clinical instruction. I am now working for two amazing periodontists and continue to use the skills I learned in our program every single day.*

**Itandehui Rodriguez Arango**

MPC Graduate

Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) is a fully accredited California public community college. The college is known for the excellence of its academic programs and student support services.

### Campus Locations

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Marina  
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Online

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