

# The Paths to Becoming a Dental Assistant

## Dental assisting programs:

- Blackhawk Technical College\*
- Fox Valley Technical College\*
- Gateway Technical College\*
- Northeast Wisconsin Technical College\*
- Northwood Technical College\*
- Western Technical College\*
- Chippewa Valley Technical College
- Lakeshore Technical College
- Madison College
- Milwaukee Area Technical College
- Northcentral Technical College
- Southwest Wisconsin Technical College
- Waukesha County Technical College

\*These programs are CODA-accredited, meaning they are considered “gold standard” education programs.

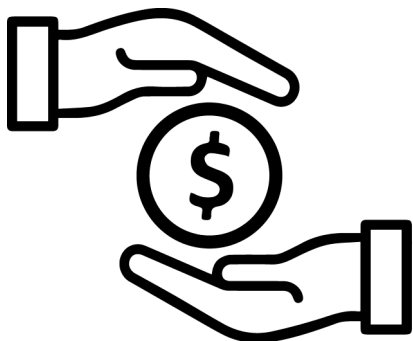
## On-the-job training:

- Individuals can learn to become a dental assistant while working for an employer.
- The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development offers a Youth Apprenticeship program with a dental assisting track for high school students who want to learn and earn money.
- Learn more about applying for Youth Apprenticeships.

## Further education:

- Individuals may choose to further their career by becoming a Certified Dental Assistant.
- The most direct route is by graduating from an accredited dental assisting or hygiene program.
- Graduates from non-accredited programs and on-the-job training programs may become certified by meeting additional requirements.
- Learn more about the different pathways to becoming a Certified Dental Assistant.
- Dental assistants can also further their career by enrolling in a program to be trained as an expanded function dental auxiliary (EFDA).

# Dental Assistant Career Outlook (2022)



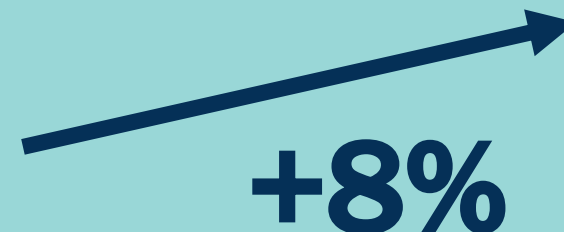
Average annual salary in  
Wisconsin

**\$44,140**



Technical diploma  
=  
Two years of school

Employment projection



**6,550**

Employed in Wisconsin

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