

IS

DENTAL ASSISTING THE CAREER FOR YOU

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Do you like helping people and working as part of a team? If yes, then dental assisting might be the perfect career for you!

Dental assistants play an important role in dental offices, and there's a big need for them! You can work in different dental settings, and the best part is that it takes **less than a year to get your dental assisting diploma**. Once you finish the program, you'll have lots of job opportunities ready for you. So, if you're interested in starting a career that makes a difference, dental assisting could be a great choice!

THE JOB

- Prepare patients and treatment rooms
- Assist dentists during procedures
- Take x-rays
- Clean and sterilize tools
- Teach patients good oral hygiene
- Place sealants and polish teeth

Some dental assistants work in orthodontic offices where they help with the application/removal of orthodontic appliances like braces, retainers, and aligners.

**There are three
dental assisting
programs in
South Dakota:**



PAY AND BENEFITS

Average hourly wage: **\$22.89**



Many dental offices provide benefits and foster a healthy work-life balance, with schedules that typically include minimal nights, weekends, or holidays. In fact, some offices even offer the perk of a four-day workweek!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Good news! All three dental assisting programs offer the **Build Dakota Scholarship**, which can cover your tuition, fees, books, and other costs. There may be additional scholarships and even hiring bonuses available!

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **Dental Assisting Program**
(most popular option)
11 months, classroom + hands-on
- **Part-Time Work + Classes**
Earn and learn simultaneously
- **On-the-Job Training**
Learn directly in a dental office