



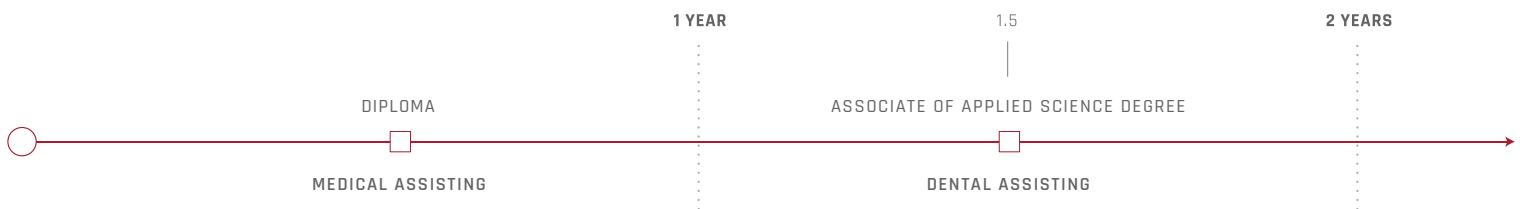
# DENTAL ASSISTING

Dental Assistants play an important role in most any dental office. They coordinate care and information between the dentist, patient, and front office staff to ensure that patients receive proper care and the practice runs smoothly.

What's more, Dental Assistants are in demand. According to the U.S. Department of Labor projections, employment of Dental Assistants is expected to grow by 25 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations.\*

### Here's why:

- ▶ People are becoming aware of new studies linking oral health with general health.\*
- ▶ Seeking to run their offices more efficiently, dentists are delegating routine tasks which allow them to see more patients and spend more time on complex procedures.\*
- ▶ People are living longer and keeping more of their own teeth.\*



If you'd like to work in this growing field, consider ECPI University's College of Health Science, Medical Careers Institute. Here, you can earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Health Science with a concentration in Dental Assisting in just 1.5 years through Medical Careers Institute's year-round schedule.

## Outcomes

**ECPI University's program can provide you with a strong foundation in the fundamental areas of dental assisting including:**

- ▶ Acquire knowledge and skills necessary to provide a safe environment for patients and dental staff.
- ▶ Illustrate competency in the parts and sciences pertinent to dental assisting.
- ▶ Attain skills in chairside, clinical, practice management, radiographic and laboratory procedures.
- ▶ Demonstrate knowledge of the American Dental Assisting Association's Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional conduct and its importance to the profession of dental assisting.
- ▶ Demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully complete the Dental Assisting National Examination.
- ▶ Participate in dental community events and learning opportunities.

**Included in instruction are Clinical Rotations that enable you to experience real world environments firsthand.**

## Possible Career Track

- ▶ Dental Office
- ▶ Hospital Dental Department
- ▶ Dental Supply Manufacturer
- ▶ Insurance Company

\*The information in this section comes from "Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2013-2014 Edition"