



Dental Assisting

Course Description

The mission of the Dental Assisting Program is to guide selected individuals through an educational experience to become personally, professionally, and socially effective Dental Assistants.

The Dental Assisting Program's purpose is to provide learning experiences which enable graduates to obtain basic competencies needed for employment as a Dental Assistant in a dental office, State, Federal, private clinic, or public and private educational facilities.

A Dental Assistant is an individual who, under the supervision of a dentist, assists in dental procedures while a patient is being treated. This includes procedures such as four-handed dentistry, making impressions, taking and developing x-rays, mixing various dental materials, assisting during surgical procedures, obtaining health history information from the patient, sterilizing techniques, etc. Dental Assistants must be appropriately trained for functions performed.

The Dental Assisting program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of the American Dental Association without reporting requirements.

Admission Requirements:

- Applicants must be 18 years of age
- Complete a TTCM Application
- Provide a regular high school diploma or GED transcript
- Pass the required entrance exam
- Provide letters of reference
- Physical exam with proof of TB test and required immunizations
- Personal Interview

Students are subject to drug screening and a criminal background check based upon clinical affiliation agreements.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available to those who qualify through the Federal Pell Grant, Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant, WIA, VA, and other Scholarships.

Tennessee Technology Center at Murfreesboro

1303 Old Fort Parkway—Murfreesboro, TN 37129
Phone: (615) 898-8010 Fax: (615) 893-4194
www.ttcmmurfreesboro.edu

Curriculum Content

Professional Orientation
Microbiology/Infection Control/Hazardous Waste Management
Anatomy and Physiology
Oral Pathology
Oral Anatomy
Communication/Psychology
Oral Health Education and Nutrition
Clinical Assisting I
Head and Neck Anatomy
Embryology and Histology
Oral Diagnosis
Management of Dental/Medical Emergencies
Pharmacology
Dental Materials I
Dental Radiology I & II
Clinical Assisting II
Dental Materials II
Practice Management
Clinical Assisting III, Dental Specialties
Clinical Externship

Diploma

Dental Assistant 1296 Hours

About the Center...

The Tennessee Technology Center at Murfreesboro is located near the geographical center of the state, just off of Interstate 24 and the intersection of State Highways 96 and 99. The Center is governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents and is accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education.

The Center offers a variety of programs to fill demonstrated needs in the local community. Our students come from Rutherford and all the surrounding counties. The instructors are all professionals in the fields in which they teach and several have been recognized statewide and nationally.

Full-time preparatory classes are scheduled five days a week for six hours a day. In addition to full-time day classes, supplemental classes are offered each term. A new evening schedule is prepared for each term.

The calendar of the Tennessee Technology Center at Murfreesboro is based on three equal trimesters that include a minimum of 216 instructional days. The three trimesters are:
Fall—September, October, November, December
Spring—January, February, March, April
Summer—May, June, July, August

-STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE-

As set forth in its student catalog, Tennessee Technology Center at Murfreesboro does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, gender, religion, disability, age, veteran status, or citizenship status. The Assistant Director, Judy Henegar, at the TTCM is the Affirmative Action Officer and Title IX Coordinator for the Center. Chris Ayers, Coordinator of Student Services, is the contact for TTCM students with disabilities.



Tennessee Technology Center at Murfreesboro, a unit of the
Tennessee Board of Regents
This brochure was published with Perkins dollars.