**Dental Assisting**

**BOOKS:**
To browse for books on various dental subjects, look for these call numbers in the book stacks:

- RK 52  Infection Control
- RK 61  Dental Care, general
- RK 280 Oral and Dental Anatomy & Physiology
- RK 287 Dental Pathology
- RK 309 Dental Radiography

Books on specific dental topics can be located by doing a **Keyword** or **Subject** search in the Library Catalog. Some examples are:

**Keyword Search Terms:** Combine terms that might not show up in a subject search, such as: teeth and diseases; ergonomics and dental; safety and dentistry; OSHA; dentistry and legal; health personnel and vocational; teeth and children, etc.

**Subject Search Terms:** preventive dentistry; teeth radiography; dental emergencies; dental records; dental personnel; dental care; fillings; asepsis, etc.

**PERIODICALS:**
Back issues of the following periodicals can be checked out from the Circulation Counter, or you can read them online:

- Dental Assistant Journal  (ADAA membership required to access online)
- Journal of the California Dental Association  (open access)

**DATABASES:**
Magazine, newspaper and journal articles provide current information on dental assisting and related fields. Articles that you find while on-campus can be sent to your e-mail to be read or printed later. You can also search the databases from home, or any off-campus location. You will be asked to enter your name and seven-digit college ID number.

**Academic Search Complete**
The contents of thousands of magazines and academic journals can be searched here. “Advanced Search” allows you to combine keywords to locate articles on specific aspects of a topic, such as, *toothbrushing* AND *children*. Options for refining your search to a specific date range or source type are available in the left hand column. The following periodicals related to the dental field are available in full-text:

- Journal of Dental Hygiene  2001 – present
- Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA)  2011 - present
**Newspaper Source Plus**

This database provides cover to cover full text articles from more than 40 major national and international newspapers as well as selective articles from more than 300 regional U.S. newspapers, such as the *San Jose Mercury News*. Full text radio and television news transcripts, from major networks, are also provided. This database is similar to Academic OneFile. It is not necessary to “select a field”; just type your search terms in the box(s). Options for refining your search to a specific date range or source type are available in the left hand column. You may also narrow your search by adding additional terms in the search boxes.

**Career Exploration & Preparation**

Explore these databases to get an overview of various occupations and use for general career guidance. Find articles on career exploration, searching for a job, and advancing in your career in these databases.

**Health & Medicine**

Explore these databases for articles specific to your field of study using keywords such as *gum disease, dental care, periodontitis*.

**Web Sites**

Beware of the Web unless you are using [Google Scholar](https://scholar.google.com) or an advanced searching tool. You can get help with evaluating web pages and finding reliable web sites by clicking on the library’s [Web Evaluation](https://library.evaluation) page. It will lead you to Best Websites or give you advice about how to evaluate websites on your own. Of course, your instructors will be able to recommend many excellent websites for your research!

**ALWAYS REMEMBER TO ASK A LIBRARIAN IF YOU NEED HELP WITH:**
- Developing a search strategy appropriate to your assignment
- Evaluating your sources and finding additional research options
- [Citing sources](https://library.citing)