



Dental Assisting

➡ BOOKS:

To browse for books dealing with various dental subjects, go to these call number areas:

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 related to this topic can be located by doing a **Keyword** or **Subject** search in the [Library Catalog](#). Some examples are:

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

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.

PERIODICALS:

The following periodicals are available in the library. The current issues are found in the periodical reading area. They are for library use only. The back issues can be checked out for one week. Please request them at the Circulation Counter.

<i>Dental Assistant</i>	2006 – current
<i>Journal of the California Dental Association</i>	2006 - current

➡ DATABASES:

Magazine, newspaper and journal articles provide current information on dental assisting and related fields. The databases with the most relevant information for your research are described here. You can search the databases from home, or any off-campus location. You will need to login by typing your name and seven-digit college ID number on the form. Articles that you find while on-campus can be sent to your e-mail to be read or printed later.

Expanded Academic ASAP

The following periodicals related to dental field are available full-text in this database:

Journal of Dental Hygiene	March 1, 1996 – current
Dental Assistant	May 1, 2002 – current
Journal of Dentistry	Jan. 1, 2005 – current
Advances in Medical and Dental Sciences	Sept. 1, 2007 – current

[Expanded Academic ASAP](#) (continued)

The articles in this database can be found through either an *advanced search*, or a *subject search*. An [Advanced Search](#) will allow you to combine keywords to locate articles on specific aspects of a topic; for example: *toothbrushing* AND *children*. On the other hand, a [Browse Subjects](#) search can help you narrow a broad subject by providing a list of sub-divisions. For example, a broad topic, such as *dental caries* can be divided into many sub-topics like: *care and treatment*; *prevention*; or *research*. To receive the full article, be sure to limit results of your search to “documents with full text” by putting a check mark in the box.

[Science in Context](#)

Articles from reference books, magazines and journals can be found here. Click on Advanced Search. Enter your search term in the box and use the pull down arrows to indicate whether to search the word as a subject, keyword, etc. For example, if you enter *fluoride* and search it as a “subject”, you will get a result list of reference books, academic journals, news articles, and magazines. If you wish to narrow your search further, add another row of search boxes, and enter another word, such as *caries*. The results will be fewer, but more focused on your specific topic. Be sure to always check the “full-text” box, or you might not get the complete article.

[LexisNexis Academic](#)

This database contains full-text articles from U.S. and international newspapers, magazines and trade journals. It is so large that it must be searched in segments. For topics related to health and medicine, try the following: Click on *subject areas* in the lower left corner; select *health & medical care*. On the right of the screen you will see search boxes in which to enter keywords that describe your topic. For example, a search with the following words: *gingivitis*, *mouthwash*, and *efficacy* will produce a list of articles about products and current research trials.



Web Sites

Beware of the Web. Unless you are an expert on your topic, it might be difficult to find a reliable site using Google or Yahoo. Instead, click on [Internet Tools](#) on the library’s home page; then select [Best Websites](#). You will find websites that have been evaluated by subject specialists. Your search will generate fewer, but better quality sites. 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.