About SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE

San José City College is located at 2100 Moorpark Avenue on the corner of Bascom and Moorpark Avenue in San José, just off Interstate 280. City College is minutes from downtown San José by bus, auto, or light rail.

Since opening in 1921, San José City College has been one of Silicon Valley’s finest and most affordable educational resources. At San José City College, students enjoy a warm and supportive learning environment. The passion and enthusiasm of faculty and staff to meet the needs of their students is unsurpassed.

In the past six years, with support from community and local business and industry, City College has undergone a dramatic reconstruction. This reconstruction allows City College to continue to offer its students the finest educational possibilities in the Silicon Valley.
THE PROGRAM

The Dental Assisting Program at San José City College combines theoretical technical knowledge with practical application. The curriculum includes topics in oral and dental anatomy and physiology, patient charting, infection control, radiography, emergency procedures, nutrition, business office procedures, general dentistry and dental specialties. Students practice clinical skills using mannequins and specialized dental equipment such as intra-oral camera and digital radiography. Team building skills are taught through group practice and cooperative learning opportunities, and advanced students work in community dental offices to develop clinical expertise in a professional working environment.

Upon completion of the program, students will be eligible for the California Registered Dental Assistant Examination and the Dental Assisting National Board. In addition, graduates will have a State Radiation Safety License, a Certificate in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), a Certificate in Coronal Polishing, a Certificate in Pit & Fissure Sealant, and a Certificate of Achievement from San José City College.

ACCREDITATION

The SJCC Dental Assisting Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation, and by the US Department of Education and the Dental Board of California.

Career Description

The Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) is an important member of the dental team, working closely with dentists as they examine and treat patients. The duties of an RDA are among the most comprehensive and varied in the dental office, requiring both technical and interpersonal skills.

RDAs prepare patients for treatment, take X-rays, and assist the dentist at chairside with delivery of instruments and preparation of dental materials. RDAs take model impressions, prepare and place temporary fillings, and counsel patients on preventative dental care and nutrition. Assistants may also work in the business office of the dental practice processing billing and insurance claims.

Employment Opportunities

Registered Dental Assistants may work in a general office or in a specialty practice. Part-time and full-time positions are widely available. Full-time is 35 - 45 hours per week and starting salaries are approximately $16 - $18 per hour. Benefits and bonuses vary between individual offices. SJCC Dental Assisting graduates are always in high demand due to the consistent quality of our training program.

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CAREER PATHS

Registered Dental Assistant
Dental Assistant Extended Functions
Registered Dental Hygienist
Dentist
Dental Laboratory Technician
Dental Office Front Office Assistant
Sales and Marketing of Dental Supplies
Dental Assisting Instructor
Orthodontic Assistant (OA)
Dental Sedation Assistant (DSA)

Program Schedule

11-month program
(2 semesters and 4-week summer session)
Full-time, Monday through Friday
Material and health fees are required.
Financial aid and fee waivers may be available.