



PRINCE GEORGE'S
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Workforce Development and Continuing Education

Dental Assisting Program
Information Session

- Dental Assistants are highly skilled professionals who work closely with dentists to provide patient care, take X-rays, manage the front desk, and schedule appointments typically on a full-time basis.
- According to the [Department of Labor](#), employment for dental assistants are projected to grow 7 percent from 2022 to 2032, faster than the average for all occupations.
- About 55,100 openings for dental assistants are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Many of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire.

What do Dental Assistants do?

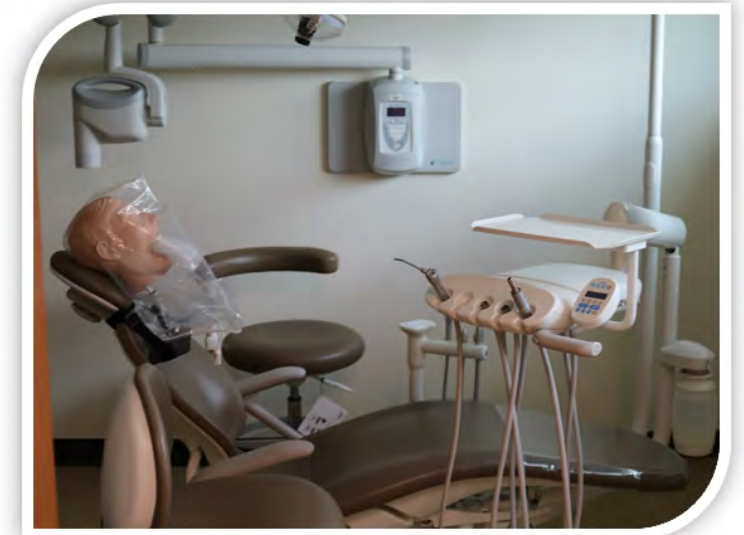
- Ensure that patients are comfortable in the dental chair
- Prepare patients and the work area for treatments and procedures
- Sterilize dental instruments
- Hand instruments to dentists during procedures
- Dry patients' mouths using suction hoses and other equipment
- Instruct patients in proper oral hygiene
- Process x-rays and complete lab tasks, under the direction of a dentist
- Keep records of dental treatments
- Schedule patient appointments
- Work with patients on billing and payment



Where do Dental Assistants work?

The largest employers of dental assistants were as follows:

Offices of dentists	90%
Offices of physicians	2
2Government	2



How much do Dental Assistants make?

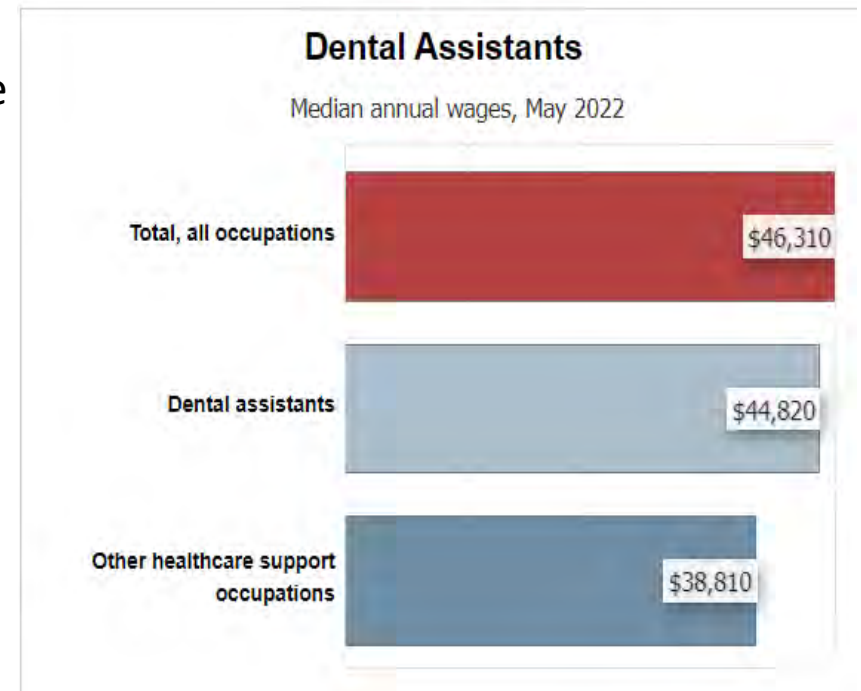
- According to the U.S. Department of Labor:

The median annual wage for dental assistants was \$44,820 in May 2022. The median wage is the wage at which half the workers in an occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$31,450, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$59,200.

In May 2022, the median annual wages for dental assistants in the top industries in which they worked were as follows:

Government \$47,390
Offices of dentists 44,860
Offices of physicians 40,080

Most dental assistants work full time. Some work evenings or weekends.



How long is the program?

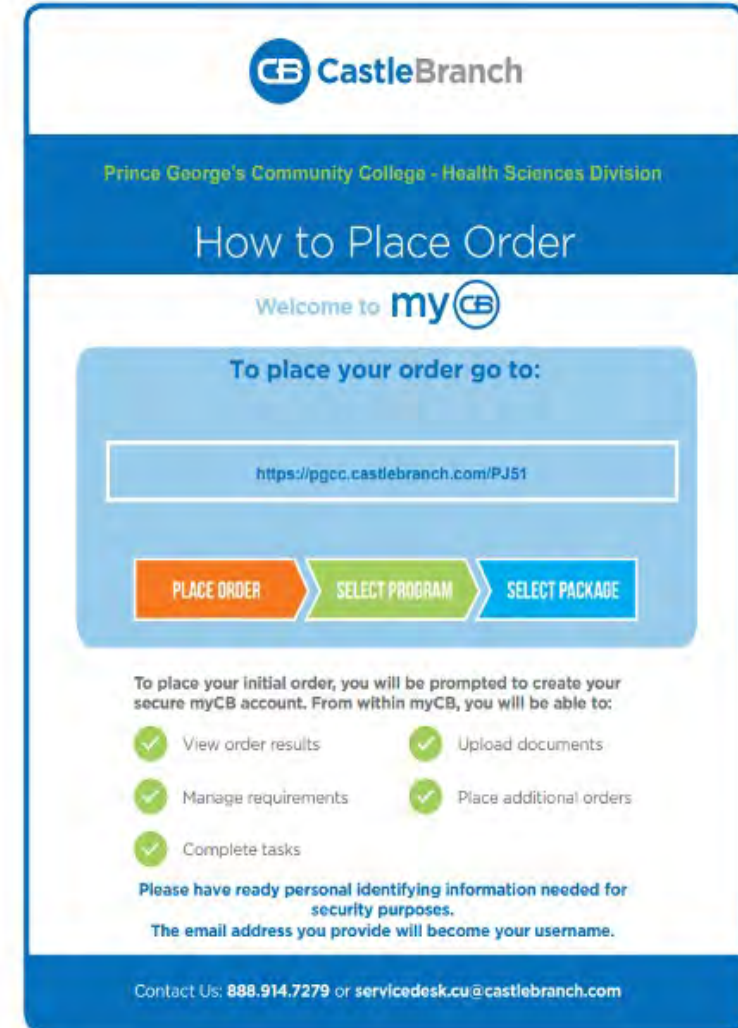
- The program is a total of 6 months (including the optional internship).

What courses do I need to take?

- CPR-307 for Health Professionals **(Must be completed before the program starts.)**
- DEN 300 or DEN 340 (Hybrid) -
Dental Assisting Part 1 } Completed in weeks 1-8
- DEN 301 or DEN 341 (Hybrid)
Dental Assisting Part 2 } Completed in weeks 10-17
- DEN 302 or DEN 342 (Hybrid) Dental
Office Administration } Completed in weeks 19-24
- DEN 303 Dental Assisting Internship } Completed in weeks 26-32

Requirements

- Complete the American Heart Association (Basic Life Support)-Healthcare Provider CPR course (PGCC offers multiple sections of CPR 307).
- Set up a CastleBranch account:
 - <https://pgcc.castlebranch.com/PJ51>
- Complete the following in CastleBranch:
 - Health form.
 - Proof of American Heart Association (AHA) CPR certificate.
 - Provide proof of Health Insurance



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How to Place Order

Welcome to my **CB**

To place your order go to:

<https://pgcc.castlebranch.com/PJ51>

PLACE ORDER → **SELECT PROGRAM** → **SELECT PACKAGE**

To place your initial order, you will be prompted to create your secure myCB account. From within myCB, you will be able to:

- ✓ View order results
- ✓ Upload documents
- ✓ Manage requirements
- ✓ Place additional orders
- ✓ Complete tasks

Please have ready personal identifying information needed for security purposes.
The email address you provide will become your username.

Contact Us: 888.914.7279 or servicedesk.cu@castlebranch.com

How can I get certified?

- The PGCC Dental Assisting Program prepares you for the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Radiation Health and Safety exam. Exam cost: \$125 and the
- DANB National Entry Level Dental Assistant (NELDA) exam. Exam Cost: \$400



How do I start?

- Attend an information session to learn about the program and its requirements.
- Contact the CE Dental Assisting program coordinator to:
 - Discuss financial aid and possible scholarships that may apply.
 - Submit prerequisites for program participation.

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