

# Certified Dental Assisting

Vancouver Community College's (VCC) Dental Assisting program is competency based and taught in modern clinical facilities shared with other VCC dental programs. The clinical competencies and supporting theory are organized according to the health model of preparation for practice, patient assessment theory, planning implementation and evaluation of practice. The term 1 clinical course focuses primarily on the chairside dental assisting aspects of practice, while Terms 2 and 3 build on certified skills and independent practice.

Students acquire specialized knowledge, skills and attitudes to function as a dental health team member with dependent, interrelated and independent roles. Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to write the National Dental Assisting Board examination, required for registration and certification as a Practising Certified Dental Assistant with the College of Dental Surgeons of BC.

Most graduates find employment in private practice dental offices (including specialty practice) and clinics. Opportunities also exist for Certified Dental Assistants in university, college and hospital settings, public health and dental sales positions.

## Program information

- Credentials: Certificate
- Length: 10 months, full-time
- Start: September

## Program admission requirements

- Grade 12 or equivalent
- Either Biology 11 or Biology 12 (human biology recommended)
- English 12 with a B and proof of English language proficiency

### Upon acceptance the following will be required:

- Criminal record check
- Proof of a negative TB skin test or chest xray

Note: The College of Dental Surgeons of B.C. may not register or license any individual who has been convicted of an indictable offense.

## More information

Contact Program Advising:

By phone: 604.871.7000, option 2

In person: 1155 E. Broadway, or  
200-block Dunsmuir at Hamilton

For the most up-to-date program info, check [vcc.ca](http://vcc.ca).



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