
Dental Assisting Program

The Dental Assisting accredited diploma program prepares students for employment in a variety of positions in today's dental offices. The Dental Assisting program provides learning opportunities which introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Additionally, the program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills or to retrain in the area of dental assisting. Graduates of the program receive a Dental Assisting diploma. Graduates are certified in Radiology, Coronal Polishing and Expanded Duties in Georgia. Graduates of the CODA accredited dental assisting program are eligible to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB).

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The Wiregrass Dental Programs have developed the following philosophy for dental education:

The Wiregrass Georgia Technical College dental programs are committed to providing a comprehensive education and lifelong support to a diverse population of learners in a patient-centered, student-friendly learning environment that fosters both a team and self-directed approach to learning, critical thinking, self-assessment and community service.

Our philosophy is to empower our students in attaining their full potential as informed, ethical and competent oral health professionals with a career commitment to learning and service to enhance the health and well-being to their community.

GOALS AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- I. Provide current curriculum, adequate qualified faculty, instructional materials, and equipment which teach knowledge, skills, and attitudes appropriate to the dental professional performance on the job.

- II. Provide educational facilities which foster learning and provide safe, healthy environment available and accessible to all students who can benefit from the program.
- III. Provide academic instruction which supports effective learning within the program and which enhances professional performance on the job.
- IV. Provide employability skills which foster work attitudes and work habits that will enable graduates the program to perform as good employees.
- V. Nurture the desire for learning so that graduates will pursue their own continuing education as a lifelong endeavor.
- VI. Provide an educational atmosphere which promotes a positive self-image and a sense of personal well-being.
- VII. Provide education that fosters development of good safety habits
- VIII. Provide admissions, educational, and placement services without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, handicapping condition, academic disadvantage, or economic disadvantage.
- IX. Provide information to the public regarding the program that will facilitate recruitment, enrollment and graduation of students.
- X. Promote good public relations via contacts and regular communications with business, industry, and the public sector.
- XI. Promote faculty and student rapport

CODA ACCREDITATION AND COMPLAINTS POLICIES

The program in Dental Assisting Education is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements”. The program is scheduled for a site visit and reaccreditation August 25, 2020.

The Commission is interested in the sustained quality and continued improvement of dental and dental-related education programs but does not intervene on behalf of individuals or act as a court of appeal for treatment received by patients or individuals in matters of admission, appointment, promotion or dismissal of faculty, staff or students. CODA has provided the following Policies for Complaints and Third Party Comments. Please visit the following links for detailed information related to “Complaints” and “Third Party Comments”.

[**Formal Complaint Process**](#)

[**Policy on Third Party Comments**](#)

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