

Dental Assistant



The Dental Assistant Program prepares students for entry-level positions in one of the fastest-growing healthcare positions. The 232-hour program will cover key areas and topics, exposing the student to both classroom and hands-on instruction. The 100 hours of classroom instruction reviews the necessary anatomy, terminology, legal and ethical issues as well as the policy and guidelines necessary to understanding the scope of practice and the practical aspects of dental assisting.

Information is subject to change based on industry, facility, or institution requirements.

Estimated Tuition

The cost of the program is \$1,969. Tuition must be paid in full by the first day of class.

Additional costs include an online background check (\$42 payable by the student), drug screen (\$40 payable by the student), compliance tracker (\$30, payable by the student), and supplies.

Steps to Application

- Submit an Application for Admission to Lee College at www.applytexas.org, and select "Cross Credit Healthcare" as the degree plan.
- Complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov
- Create a Complio account at www.leecompliance.com to begin the Background Investigation and Drug Screen process.
- Upload all required documents to your Complio account.

- Email cchealthcare@lee.edu, notifying the department that you have completed the above steps.

Admission Requirements

ALL requirements **MUST** be completed **ONE WEEK BEFORE** the start of class, including online background check, high school diploma or GED, copy of Social Security card, state-issued ID or TDL (Names **MUST** match), and all immunization requirements.

- Online Background Investigation (\$42), Drug Screen (\$40), and Compliance Tracker (\$30) must be paid for and started by the student at <http://leecompliance.com>. The password for the Compliance Tracker is LC2022. The results take 48-72 hours.
- High School Diploma or GED
- Copy of Social Security card AND a State-Issued ID or TDL (Names **MUST** match)
- Current BLS CPR (Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers from American Heart Association)
- It is required that students obtain and maintain personal health insurance while in the program. Acceptable personal health insurance must meet Minimum Essential Coverage (MEC).
- Hepatitis B — **Series of Three doses** are required or a Quantitative Titer will be accepted as long as the result shows positive immunity.
- MMR — Must have **two doses** of vaccination. Titer accepted.
- TB Skin Test (PPD) — Test must be negative and taken within 12 months of the end date of clinical rotations. If positive, chest X-ray with written results from a doctor showing no symptoms of TB accepted OR Chest X-ray with written results within 2 years of the start date of class OR Quan ti FERON® — TB Gold Blood Test.
- Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (TDaP) — Must be within 10 years of the end date of the class.
- Varicella — Must have **two doses** of vaccination or titer test with positive results.
- Flu Vaccine — annual — if clinical rotations are to be completed during flu season. (Oct.-March)

Time Commitment

- Classroom Instruction & Labs: 184 hours
- Clinical: 48 hours
- Total Hours: 232

Courses

| COURSE RUBRIC | COURSE NUMBER | COURSE TITLE | CONTACT HOURS |
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| BUSG | 1012 | Professionalism in the Workplace | 8 |
| DNTA | 1015 | Chairside Assisting | 64 |
| DNTA | 1011 | Dental Science | 48 |
| DNTA | 1005 | Dental Radiology | 48 |

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| DNTA | 1003 | Registered Dental Assistant Exam Review | 16 |
| DNTA | 1060 | Clinical — Dental Assisting/Assistant | 48 |

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS: 232

*Clinical days/times vary based on clinical site availability.

Check Eligibility for Licensing Exams

Students who have a felony conviction should check with the Program Manager of their program to determine if a licensing exam is required to be employed. Some examples include, but are not limited to, education, nursing, cosmetology, and technology programs. Legislative changes, specifically, HB 1508 from the 85th Texas legislative session section 53.151 (2017), require notification to applicants and enrollees regarding the consequences of a criminal conviction on eligibility for an occupational license. Students may be ineligible for an occupational license upon completion of a program due to prior convictions.

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