Dental chairside assistants prepare patients for treatment, maintain instruments and equipment, work with patients’ dental records and instruct patients on post-operative and general oral health care. Employment in this field is growing, and opportunities are expected to be plentiful. Add to this a local clinical internship included in this program, and you will be on your way to a smart new career!

A wide open career that’s worth **smiling** about!

Advanced college/trade school credit is available to qualifying students from the following institution:
COURSE TITLE: DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTING

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Students will learn how to work chairside with the dentist, prepare dental materials, perform basic business procedures, prepare client’s data (i.e., processing insurance forms) and provides practical experience in radiology and four-handed dentistry. A simulated environment equipped with the most current equipment and software is the setting in which skills are taught with a strong emphasis on patient care and business application. Experience is gained during private practice and/or clinic affiliation. This program will prepare students for a course of study in higher education for the New York State Dental Assisting Licensing Program.

COURSE CONTENT
Introduction to Dental Assisting
Pre-Clinical Sciences
Basic Laboratory Skills
First Aid and Emergency Treatment
General Office and Patient Routine
Basic Dental Sciences
Instrument Care
Film Exposure
Practice Administration

Personal Health and Grooming
Chairside Procedures
Applied Psychology
Prevention and Control in Dental Health
Expanded Functions
Dental Specialties
Office Management Skills
X-Ray Processing
X-Ray Mounting and Digital Technology

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
Registered Dental Hygienist

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
General Dentist
Orthodontics
Periodontics
Prosthodontics
Private Practice
Federal, State and Local Agencies
Dental Supply Company

Oral Maxillofacial Surgery
Pediatric Dentistry
Endodontics
Dental Insurance Company
Group Practices
Armed Forces

SUGGESTED SUPPORTIVE COURSES
Biology, Bookkeeping, Keyboarding and Chemistry

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
RELATED COURSES
Clinical Medical Assisting, Nurse Assisting, Pharmacy Technician, Practical Nursing

COSTS
Uniform approximately $60; Workbook/other supplies $40
Complete physical exam required

LENGTH OF COURSE
1 year

LOCATION
Gary D. Bixhorn Technical Center

CTE/ACADEMIC CREDIT
1 year = 1 credit ELA or 1 credit science and .5 General Ed credit–Health
(1 year = MAXIMUM 1.5 academic credits)