

# DENTAL ASSISTANT

## ANNUAL WAGES


ENTRY: \$34,100  
MEDIAN: \$47,000  
HIGH: \$51,900

## HOURLY WAGES

ENTRY: \$16.50  
MEDIAN: \$22.60  
HIGH: \$24.95

## EDUCATION AT ENTRY LEVEL

ASSOCIATES  
DEGREE

 THE AUSTIN MSA PROJECTS TO NEED OVER **5,558** DENTAL ASSISTANTS BY 2034. WILL YOU BE ONE?

## JOB DUTIES

- Equipment preparation and sterilization, preparing patients for treatment, assisting the dentist during treatment, and providing patients with instructions for oral healthcare procedures.
- Perform administrative duties such as scheduling appointments, maintaining medical records, billing, and coding information for insurance purposes.

## YOU WILL THRIVE IN THIS POSITION IF...

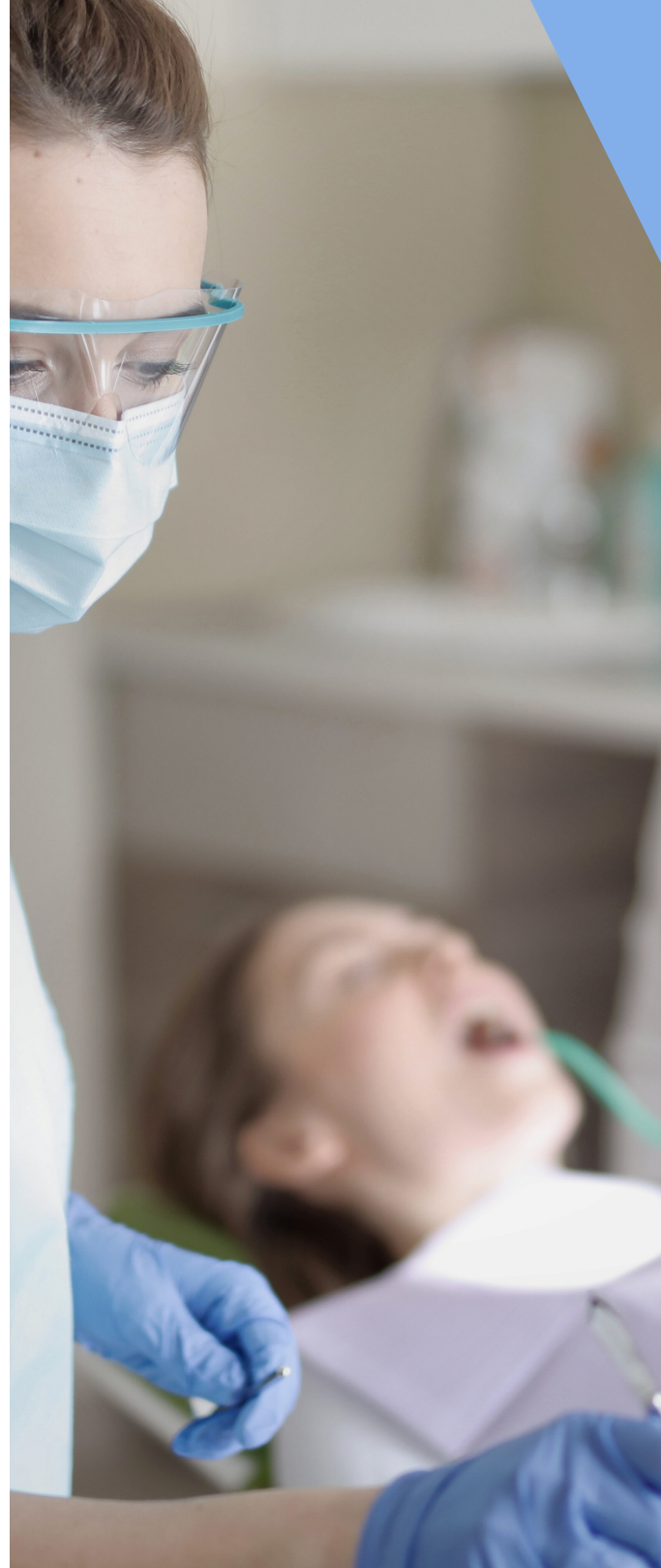
- You are a team-player
- You have attention to detail
- You have integrity
- You are dependable
- You have self control
- You are empathic



**SCAN TO WATCH A VIDEO  
ABOUT THIS CAREER PATHWAY**



This is a targeted occupation for Capital Area/Travis County. Scholarships may be available for education and training opportunities. Contact us to learn more!



Data Sources

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## HOW TO GET STARTED IN THIS CAREER PATHWAY



Take chemistry, anatomy, or biology classes while in school



Apply for a career training scholarship for this occupation with Workforce Solutions



Shadow a dentist and/or participate in community service



Complete a personality test or explore more high-demand careers. **Scan the code to get started!**

## CAREER LADDER - ENTRY TO MANAGEMENT

Experience Level	Occupation	Wages Hourly & Salary	Education Requirements
Senior Level	Dentist	\$ 65.34 \$ 135,900	Doctoral or Professional Degree
Intermediate Level	Dental Hygienist	\$ 40.94 \$ 85,200	Associate's Degree
Entry Level	Dental Assistant	\$ 22.60 \$ 51,900	Postsecondary non-degree award

## WHAT IS SOMETHING NEW YOU LEARNED ABOUT THIS CAREER?

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