

# DENTAL ASSISTANT

## WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

- Work with dentists
- Perform office work
- Take X-rays
- Make casts of teeth

## NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL WAGE INFORMATION

	Entry Level Hourly Wage	2016 Employment	Projected 2026 Employment
<b>Capital Area</b>	<b>\$14.91</b>	<b>1,492</b>	<b>1,781</b>
Texas	\$13.17	28,418	34,673
United States	\$13.45	332,000	396,600

## WHAT JOB TITLES SHOULD I SEARCH FOR?

- Dental Specialist
- Dental Assistant
- Dental Technician

## WHERE COULD I WORK?

- Offices of Dentists
- Offices of Physicians

## KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED

## WHAT TYPE OF EDUCATION AND/OR TRAINING WILL I NEED?

Workers in occupations at this level can develop the skills needed for average job performance by completing an accredited dental-assisting program.

## WILL I NEED A SPECIAL LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION?

Many occupations prefer or require at least one certification for entry or advancement; some might include: Certified Dental Assistant, Certified Dental Technician, Gingival Health, Orthodontic Basics, Tooth Whitening, etc.

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## CAPITAL AREA CAREER LADDER

\* Also Included on Targeted Occupation List (PY 2021)

### Dentist, General

#### Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$49.65
- Median Level: \$81.82

**131 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026**

### \*Dental Hygienist

#### Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$31.91
- Median Level: \$40.06

**160 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026**

### Dental Assistant

#### Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$14.91
- Median Level: \$18.80

**289 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026**

### Dental Laboratory Technician

#### Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$11.25
- Median Level: \$19.08

**43 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026**

This Career Ladder is for illustrative purposes and does not display all pathways for career advancement. For more information or feedback email: [CareerLadder@wfscapitalarea.com](mailto:CareerLadder@wfscapitalarea.com)

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OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE

