

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

	2019 Entry Level Hourly Wage	2018 Employment	Projected 2028 Employment
Capital Area	\$15.67	1,546	1,839
Texas	\$13.96	30,722	41,711
United States	\$13.45	354,600*	378,000*

WHAT JOB TITLES SHOULD I SEARCH FOR?

- Dental Specialist
- Dental Technician
- Dental Assistant

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: \$40.81
- Median Level: \$83.38

56 new & replacement positions between 2018-2028

*Dental Hygienist

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$32.73
- Median Level: \$42.96

174 new & replacement positions between 2018-2028

Dental Assistant

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$15.67
- Median Level: \$19.89

293 new & replacement positions between 2018-2028

Dental Laboratory Technician

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$16.90
- Median Level: \$25.63

22 new & replacement positions between 2018-2028

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

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