

Dental Assistant

Start a career where a smile makes a difference



SJVC's Dental Assisting (DA) program includes all aspects of working with a dentist, including patient care, office and laboratory duties. Our balance of hands-on experience with classroom instruction covers dental assisting skills and related theory. Whether training for a career chairside or an administrative position, students are well prepared at the program's completion.

Students Learn

- Dental anatomy and radiology
- Dental software
- Preventative dentistry
- Dental practice management
- Coronal polishing

Professional Certifications

Graduates earn a Certificate of Completion and additional certifications in Pit and Fissure Sealants, Dental Radiation Safety, CPR, Coronal Polish, Infection Control, Dental Law and Ethics, and are eligible to take the Dental Board of California Examination for state licensure.

SJVC's Dental Assisting program is approved by the Dental Board of California.

Career Information

Well-trained dental assistants can find work in dental offices and clinics, as well as laboratories and correctional facilities. These skilled professionals are expected to perform the following job duties:

- Provide chairside assistance to the dentist
- Take dental impressions
- Coronal polish and fluoride treatments
- Expose and process x-rays
- Practice infection control procedures
- Apply pit and fissure sealants

Admission Requirements

Admission to the DA program requires:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Wonderlic SLE assessment score of 12 or higher
- Applicant must be age 18 by his/her expected start date

Applicants must have reliable plans for transportation, child care and time to devote to academic work outside of scheduled class hours.



Course Listing		
Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
DA 105	Orientation to Dentistry	5.0
DA 110	Dental Anatomy and Patient Management	5.0
DA 115	Dental Regulations and Pre-Laboratory	5.0
DA 230	Dental Radiology	5.0
DA 235	Restorative Procedures	2.0
DA 305	Prosthodontics and Endodontic Specialties	2.0
DA 321	Periodontic and Oral Surgery Specialties	3.0
DA 325	Pediatric and Orthodontic Specialties	3.0
DA 410	Preventative Clinical Procedures	5.0
DA 525	RDA Licensure Review Seminar	3.0
DA 530	Clinical and Professional Experience	5.0
Certificate Program Total		43.0

SJVC classes are offered Monday through Thursday in the morning, afternoon and evening.

Class Schedule
Monday - Thursday
Morning Session: 7:15am-12:00pm
Afternoon Session: 12:30pm-5:15pm
Evening Session: 5:30pm-10:15pm

NOTE: Sessions vary by program and campus and are subject to seat availability.

Visit sjvc.edu for more information on other program offerings and campus locations.

Bakersfield Campus
201 New Stine Road
661.834.0126

Consumer Information	
	Certificate
Program Length	45 weeks
Tuition and Fees	\$18,325
Estimated Textbook Cost	\$275
<i>Data for Graduates on all SJVC Campuses between 7/1/14 and 6/30/15</i>	
Graduate Median Loan Debt	
Title IV HEA Loans	\$9,500
Private Loans	\$550
Institutional Loans	\$340
On-Time Completion Rate	78%
<i>Graduate Placement Rate</i>	
Because of the change in the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education's reporting regulations, which became effective on July 14, 2016, this institution was not required to collect the data for its 2015 and prior graduates.	
Occupations for Graduate Placement ¹	
Dental Assistants (31-9091.00)	

¹Visit <http://www.onetcodeconnector.org> and enter the reference number for complete details

Institutional Accreditation

San Joaquin Valley College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, (415) 506-0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at: www.accjc.org

California State Approval

SJVC is a private institution and is approved to operate as an accredited institution by the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE). Approval to operate means that SJVC has been found in compliance with the standards set forth in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (California Education Code, Title 3, Division 10, Part 59, Chapter 8) and Title 5, Division 7.5 – Private Postsecondary Education of the California Code of Regulations.

