



Train for a rewarding career as a Dental Assistant



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, as well as Registered Dental Assisting (RDA) licensure preparation. Whether training for a career chairside or an administrative position, students are well prepared at the program's completion.



Training Today for a Better Tomorrow



Hands-On Training

Students Learn:

- Dental anatomy and radiology
- Dental software
- Preventative dentistry
- Dental practice management
- Chairside assisting techniques



Credential and Professional Certifications

Graduates earn a Certificate of Completion and additional certifications:

- Dental Radiation Safety
- CPR
- Infection Control
- Dental Law and Ethics

Graduates are eligible to take the Dental Board of California Examination for state licensure. SJVC prepares students to take appropriate certification and licensure exams related to their individual majors. The College does not guarantee students will successfully pass these exams or be certified or licensed as a result of completing the program.



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
- Fluoride treatments
- Expose and process x-rays
- Practice infection control procedures

SJVC's Dental Assisting program prepares students for licensed Registered Dental Assisting (RDA) functions, which include coronal polishing and pit and fissure sealants.

*Source: Occupational Information Network (O*Net)
www.onetonline.org



Admissions Requirements

- 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 school 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 236	Restorative Procedures	3.0
DA 322	Periodontics and Oral Surgery Specialties	2.0
DA 326	Pediatrics and Orthodontic Specialties	2.0
DA 306	Prosthodontics and Endodontic Specialties	3.0
DA 230	Dental Radiology	5.0
DA 411	Preventative Clinical Procedures	4.0
DA 526	RDA Licensure Review Seminar	3.0
DA 530	Clinical and Professional Experience	5.0
Total		42.0

*Course listings are subject to change. Reference the SJVC College Catalog for the most current program information.

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 (as amended) and Title 5, Division 7.5, - Private Postsecondary Education of the California Code of Regulations. As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review the catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you prior to signing an enrollment agreement.

Consumer Information

San Joaquin Valley College publishes important consumer information for all programs and campus locations. For comprehensive consumer information, visit <https://www.sjvc.edu/admissions/consumer-information>.

SJVC's Dental Assisting program is approved by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Dental Board of California.

SJVC Locations

ATASCADERO
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FRESNO
559.448.8282

HESPERIA
760.948.1947

MODESTO
209.542.8800

RANCHO CORDOVA
916.638.7582

TEMECULA
951.296.6015

BAKERSFIELD
661.834.0126

**FRESNO - TRADES
EDUCATION CENTER**
559.453.0123

LANCASTER
661.974.8282

ONTARIO
909.948.7582

RANCHO MIRAGE
442.305.7701

VISALIA
559.651.2500

DELANO
661.778.1145

HANFORD
559.584.8840

MADERA
559.302.2155

PORTERVILLE
559.853.4114

SANTA MARIA
805.608.3104

*Program availability varies
by campus location. Please see
the catalog for details.*

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