## "SMILE, SPARKLE, ASSIST"



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### **Program Overview**

The Dental Assistant (DA) program will prepare students to provide the services of a Certified Dental Assistant as outlined in the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia (CDSBC) Bylaws under the Health Professions Act of British Columbia. The outcomes and objectives upon which students will learn also include elements of dental assisting practice which are:

- Professional conduct
- Safe, ethical & professional practice
- Communication
- Collaborative practice/teamwork
- Problem solving & critical thinking
- Dental assisting process of care
- Provision of chair-side assisting skills & clinical treatment
- Provision of dental office administration skills
- Provision of dental laboratory skills
- Health promotion & education for individuals and communities

### **Career Opportunities**

Upon successful completion of the DA program the student will be eligible for the National Dental Assistant Examining Board (NDAEB) written exam and clinical practice evaluation, and earning anywhere from \$24 to \$28 per hour.



# PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### **Program Admission Requirements**

### Applicants will be required to meet the following minimum criteria:

### Applicants Whose First Language is English

• High School Diploma or equivalent and proof of English Language Proficiency.

• For English Language proficiency, domestic students are required to have completed Grade 10 English or successfully completed the College's English language proficiency assessment.

### Applicants whose First Language is not English:

International students will need to submit proof of English language proficiency by meeting one of the following requirements:

- Grade 12 graduation diploma in a school system in which English is the official language, or
- Successfully completed a pre-Intermediate certificate from a Language Canada-accredited school or
- Successfully completed Western Community College's English language proficiency assessment, or
- Successfully completed a 24-week ESL program at the College

**Note**: Completion of grade 12 Science (especially Biology and/or Physics) is advantageous.



Assessment	Assessment Name	Required Minimum Category
CAE	Cambridge Assessment of English	
PTE	Pearson Test Of English (Academic)	Overall 7 or more
CLB	Canadian Language Benchmark	Level 6 or more
IELTS	International English Language Testing System	Overall 5.5 or more
TOEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language, IBT	Overall 79 or more

### **Prior to Practicum Start Date:**

- a) Standard First Aid and CPR-C with AED or Standard First Aid-Health Care Provider.
- b) Proof of negative tuberculosis (TB) skin test.
  All immunizations should be up to date, including: hepatitis B tetanus
  - •measles/mumps/rubella diphtheria pertussis varicella polio
  - influenza (required annually)

### **Program Duration**

1120 hours - 960 hours Instructions, 160 hours Practicum



# WHY DA?



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- Practicum Experience
- I Flexible Schedule
- \$ Scholarships
- Earn up to C\$33 hourly
- Student Support Services
  - On Site Dental Labs



# PROGRAM OUTLINE

## **Program Outline**

Course Name	# of Hours
Applied Dental Sciences	70
Clinical Practice I	100
Infection Prevention, Quality Assurance and Waste Management	40
Charting, Recording and Emergencies	50
Diagnostic Procedures and Dental Radiography	60
Clinical Practice II	100
Preventive Dental Procedures and Radiography	120
Prosthodontic & Laboratory Procedures	100
Preventive Dental Procedures II & Community Health	30
Preparation for Employment	50
Dental Specialties	120
Direct Patient Care	120
Practicum	160
TOTAL	1120



## **FEE STRUCTURE**

## **International Students**

Fee information for the 2023 – 2024 year:

Particulars	Fees	
Application Fee	\$250	
Tuition Fee	\$19200	
Material Fee	\$500	
Other Fee	\$500	
TOTAL	\$20,450	

## **Domestic Students**

Fee information for the 2023 – 2024 year:

Particulars	Fees
Application Fee	\$250
Tuition Fee	\$14000
Material Fee	\$500
Other Fee	\$500
TOTAL	\$15,250



# FEE STRUCTURE

### Monthly Fees Structure

Fee structure installment for Full Time Student

Particulars	Fees	Month
Registration Fee	\$250	Registration Fee
1 <sup>st</sup> Installment	\$2000	1 <sup>st</sup> Month
2 <sup>nd</sup> Installment	\$1625	2 <sup>nd</sup> Month
3 <sup>rd</sup> Installment	\$1625	3 <sup>rd</sup> Month
4 <sup>th</sup> Installment	\$1625	4 <sup>th</sup> Month
5 <sup>th</sup> Installment	\$1625	5 <sup>th</sup> Month
6 <sup>th</sup> Installment	\$1625	6 <sup>th</sup> Month
7 <sup>th</sup> Installment	\$1625	7 <sup>th</sup> Month
8 <sup>th</sup> Installment	\$1625	8 <sup>th</sup> Month
9 <sup>th</sup> Installment	\$1625	9 <sup>th</sup> Month
TOTAL	\$15250	

## **STUDENT AID**



## **Financial Aid**

Western Community College offers a variety of financial aid opportunities to ease students' stress and allow them to focus on their studies. If you need extra support, we have flexible funding to accommodate all our students, no matter their financial situation.

### **Basic Eligbility Requirements**

To receive student financial assistance, you must meet all of these basic eligibility criteria:

- be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident or have protected person status
- have a valid Canadian social insurance number
- be a resident of British Columbia
- be pursuing full-time studies as your primary occupation
- be enrolled in an eligible program of study at an eligible post-secondary institution
- be able to demonstrate financial need

• make academic progress and achieve satisfactory scholastic standing in each period of postsecondary study

NOTE: All information submitted as part of your application package, including information provided by your parents or spouse/commonlaw partner in appendices, is subject to verification and audit.

NOTE: You can only apply to one province for funding

i) You may not eligible if you have:

- Delinquent or in default of previous student loans.
- Under audit or have an overaward (in this case your funding may be withheld), or
- Incarcerated or have any outstanding warrants for your arrest











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