



# Dental Assisting

## ► Is this course right for you?

If you like to assist and care for others, enjoy hands-on physical work, readily follow instructions, are organized and take pleasure in working and communicating with the public, then this may be the course for you.

### Credits // Certification

- 3rd Science Credit
- Dual Enrollment at Kalamazoo Valley Community College - 9 college credits
- American Heart Safety & First Aid and CPR

### Eligibility // Prerequisites

- Seniors only; dual enrolled
- Proof of immunizations
- Drug testing and background check
- Professional health attire
- Extended hours for internship
- Students provide own transportation
- Students must meet academic and attendance requirements to be recommended for internship
- Students follow dual enrollment policies and the KVCC calendar requiring an extended day and loss of high school spring break.



### Career Data // Jobs

**dental assistant, dental hygienist,  
dentist, endodontist, orthodontist**

**For salary information go to:  
<http://snipurl.com/salaryinfo>**

*“If anybody has any interest in dentistry, then this is definitely the best way to figure out if this is something you really want to do.”*

- Brad Phares, Portage Central Alumnus

## Dental Assisting Health Sciences Pathway

### EFE Program Description

Students choosing this program will be dually enrolled through Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC) and can earn both high school and college credit for the course. Students will need to meet the college's entrance expectations, as well as having their schedule open to extended class times and the college's calendar. Enrollment in the EFE Dental Assisting program begins a preferred relationship with the KVCC Dental Hygiene program that could later impact a student's acceptance into the KVCC program.

The course prepares students to become dental assistants. Students will learn the fundamental knowledge and skills of dental anatomy, physiology, terminology, dental materials, chairside assisting, sterilization, radiology, laboratory and clinical procedures. Second semester incorporates an internship held in KVCC's Dental clinic and local dental offices.