



DENTAL ASSISTING REQUIREMENTS

Admission Requirements

High school Completion.

Certify you are a high school graduate or have a high school equivalency diploma (HSED). All documents must be submitted to the Northeast Iowa Community College Admissions Office.

Placement Assessments.

All students must complete a reading placement assessment prior to being accepted. Allowed assessments include ACCUPLACER®, ACCUPLACER NEXT GENERATION®, ACT®, ACT COMPASS®, satisfy the reading high school requirement of cumulative GPA 2.67 if graduation date is within 5 years of admission application date or completion of approved college coursework. Students should submit assessment results, high school transcript or their official college transcripts to the Admissions Office for consideration of an assessment waiver. Dental Assisting applicants must meet one of the following minimum requirements for reading placement:

- ACCUPLACER® Reading: 70
- ACCUPLACER NEXT GENERATION® Reading: 250
- ACT® Reading: 19
- ACT Compass® Reading: 81

Admission Status

Remediating.

Remediating students have submitted an application to the Dental Assisting program but have not completed one or more of the admission requirements outlined above. Students with a remediating status are not ranked on the waitlist until all requirements have been satisfied.

Waitlist.

Waitlist students have all the admission requirements completed and are waiting for acceptance into the Dental Assisting program. A waiting list is necessary due to limited capacity for program enrollment. Students are ranked on the waiting list based on the date they complete all admission requirements.

Accepted.

The Dental Assisting program begins in the fall. Students at the top of the waiting list are offered acceptance into the program and are required to respond by the stated deadline to avoid cancellation of their application. Students who refuse an acceptance offer will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list as of the date the Admission Office receives notice of their intent not to enroll.

Program Costs	DENTAL ASSISTING
Tuition/Fees/Books	\$9,898 in-state* \$10,984 out-of-state*
Background Check, Drug Test and Medical Document Manager	\$95
Physical Exam/Immunizations (Varies based on health coverage.)	Undetermined
Apparel/Clinical Supplies	\$349
Certifications and Testing	\$139
Clinical Transportation (Gas and Lodging)	Undetermined
TOTAL	\$10,481 in-state* \$11,567 out-of-state*

The costs above are provided as a guide to financing your Dental Assisting education. The costs provided are estimated at time of publication and do not reflect the exact cost a student may incur.

* Based on the 2020-2021 tuition and fee rates.

Program Requirements

The following requirements must be satisfied prior to the second semester of the Dental Assisting program at Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC). A student who does not successfully satisfy the program requirements will be placed at the bottom of the waitlist.

Orientation.

- Attendance at a mandatory program orientation. Notice of dates and times (*usually one week prior to the start of the program*) will occur after acceptance to the program.

Trainings.

- Complete the American Heart Association Health Care Professional (BLS) CPR or American Red Cross CPR for the Healthcare Providers certification.
- Mandatory Reporter of Child and Dependent Adult Abuse
- NICC HIPAA training

Student Health and Background Screening.

- Complete CastleBranch package to certify and collect compliance documents required of healthcare professionals.
- Criminal, dependent adult and child abuse background screening
- Physical and immunization records (*time sensitive, one year expiration*)
- Drug testing
- Provide annual proof of health insurance coverage prior to lab and clinical experiences.
- For detailed information and instructions visit, www.nicc.edu/programrequirements.

Resources. www.nicc.edu/dentalassisting www.ada.org/100.aspx

Learn More.

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