Dental Assisting

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Admission Requirements

Northeast Iowa Community College

Until you complete the following admission requirements and are accepted into the program, **you are a Pre-Dental Assisting student**.

Phase 1 Pre-Dental Assisting Student

HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION

☐ Certify you are a high school graduate or have a high school equivalency diploma (HSED).

READING REQUIREMENT You must meet **ONE** of the following:

☐ **HIGH SCHOOL** Graduated within the past **FIVE** years with a minimum cumulative 2.67 GPA.	**OR**	☐ **COLLEGE** Earned 12 college credits with a grade of C- or above OR completed a college degree.	If you don't meet one of those ← you must complete or provide one of the following. →	☐ **ACT*** **19**	☐ **ACCUPLACER** Next Generation* **250**

**Assessment results must be within three years of the student's application date.*

You may enroll in general education courses required for the program.

Transcripts or assessment results must be submitted to the **Admissions Office** at **admissions@nicc.edu.**

Phase 2 Dental Assisting Program Acceptance

- You have been offered a spot within the Dental Assisting Program and must **RESPOND TO ACCEPT THE OFFER BY THE DEADLINE**.
  - If you **DO NOT RESPOND BY THE DEADLINE** your application may be canceled and you will need to start the process over.
- If the program reaches capacity, you may be placed on a waiting list, ranked by the date you completed all the admission requirements.

Phase 3 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 (usually one week prior to the start of the program). Notice of orientation dates and times will occur after registration into the program courses.

TRAINING

- Complete the American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR or American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer certification
- Mandatory Reporter Child and Dependent Adult Abuse
- NICC HIPAA and Bloodborne Pathogen

STUDENT HEALTH AND BACKGROUND SCREENING

- Purchase and complete the 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 more detailed information and instructions visit: **nicc.edu/programrequirements**

Estimated Program Cost*

Expenses	
Tuition/Fees (does not include pre-requisite courses)	$11,357.75 in-state* | $12,986.75 out-of-state*
Background Check/Drug Testing	$100
Physical Exam/Immunizations (Based on health coverage)	Undetermined
Apparel for Labs/Clinicals & Lab Kits	$260
Clinical Transportation (Gas and Lodging)	Undetermined
Program Software & Radiation Detection Badges	$480
Lab Supply Fees	$425
Books	$1,300
Estimated Total Cost	**$13,922.75** in-state* | **$15,551.75** out-of-state*

** These costs are provided as a guide to financing your education. All costs are estimates at time of publication, are subject to change without notice and do not reflect the exact cost a student may incur. All costs are based on the 2026-2027 tuition and fee rates.*

Resources

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