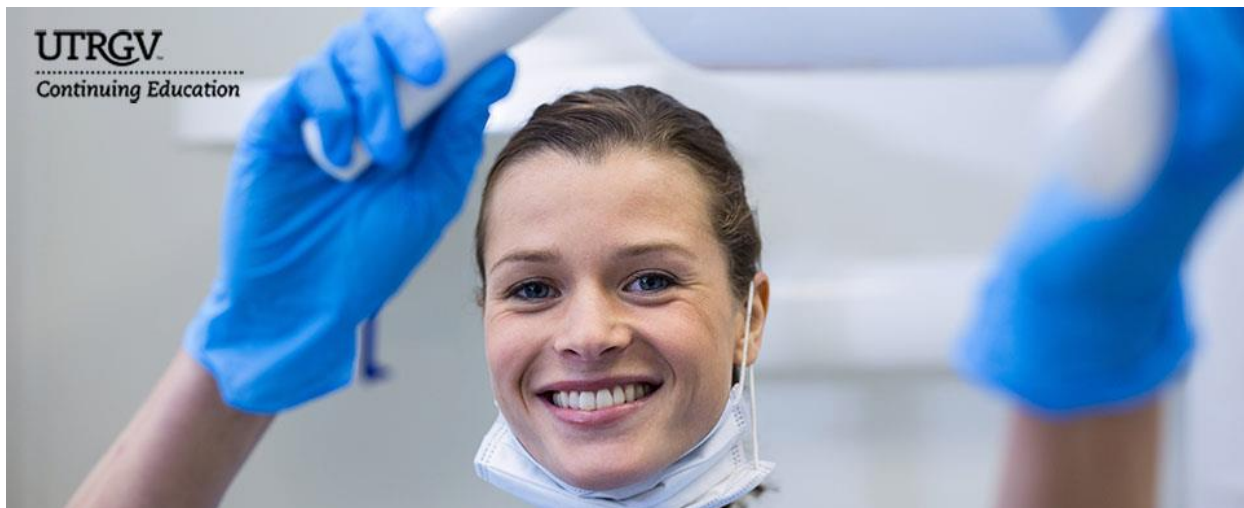


## Continuing Education

*Division of Research, Graduate Studies & New Program  
Development*

### *Dental Assistant Program*



***The Dental Assistant Program prepares students for entry-level positions in one of the fastest-growing health care professions.***

#### ***What You Will Learn***

- Dental anatomy and physiology
- Tooth charting, tooth surfaces, and classification of restorations on a tooth
- Oral health and preventions of dental disease

## Course Details

### What Will You Learn Cont..

#### *You will also learn:*

- Infection control in dentistry and occupational health and safety
- The dental assisting profession and history of dentistry
- Patient information and assessment
- Foundation of clinical dentistry
- Dental radiology (bitewing, panograph, and peripheral)
- Single crown restoration, bridge, implant, partial denture, and full denture
- Dental equipment, accessories and the treatment room
- Dental handpieces and accessories
- Dental cement and impression materials
- Coding of radiology services and the use of ICD-9-CM codes
- Assisting in comprehensive dental care
- Dental administration and communication skills

### Description

The Dental Assistant program will cover key areas and topics exposing the student to both classroom and hands-on instruction. The classroom instruction reviews the necessary anatomy, terminology, legal and ethical issues as well as the policy and guidelines necessary to understanding the scope of practice and the practical aspects of dental assisting. Topics include instrument identification, equipment maintenance, tooth structure, oral cavity anatomy, dental anesthesia, sterilization, tooth charting, restorations, bridge implants, mixing of dental cement, and x-ray techniques (bitewing, panograph, and peripheral). The student will learn the steps necessary to assist a dentist while providing quality dental care within the community.

**Note:** Additionally, this 100-contact hour course includes a CPR certification course and covers the relevant material necessary to prepare students to take the State of Texas “TSBDE” Registered Dental Assistant exam offered throughout the State of Texas.

## Duration

**Course Duration:** 100 Hours

## Who Should Attend?

In addition to entry-level administrative positions, this course is ideal for students interested in pursuing a future formal dental hygienist program.

## Location

### Location in McAllen:

1800 S. Main Street, Suite 1100  
McAllen, TX 78503

### Location in Brownsville:

One West University Boulevard  
Brownsville, Texas 78520

## Prerequisite

Students must have or plan to receive a high school diploma or GED. Participants must also possess a minimum of 10th-grade math and reading skills.

**Note:** Participants must be at least 18 years old to sit for the national certification exam after completing this course.

## Exam Information

***\* The potential certification listed below is for reference purposes only and is not included in the course fee.***

**Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)**

[www.danb.org](http://www.danb.org)

Dental Assisting National Board (DANB)

**Exam Cost:** \$425.00

## Loan

If you are applying for the Continuing Education Private Loan to cover the registration fee for a non-credit continuing education program, then please use the UTRGV Continuing Education School Code: 00359902. The loan amount you note in the application cannot exceed the open enrollment fee noted on our website. The minimum for the loans must be \$500.00. Some service charges may apply.

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