

NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
DENTAL ASSISTANT  
STUDENT POLICIES

**DENTAL ASSISTANT CLINICAL**

Basic Life Support (BLS) must be completed prior to the beginning of Dental Assistant (DA) Clinical and must be kept current throughout the program.

The purpose of DA clinical experience is to provide students with a supervised clinical experience to apply the dental assistant skills they have learned. This experience will take place in dental facilities within the Northwood Tech district and students will be supervised by employees of that clinic. The Dental Assistant program instructor(s) and program director will also facilitate and supervise this experience. Students must complete a minimum of 300 hours of clinical experience by the end of the program (per CODA requirements).

Students will be assigned to a minimum of two externship locations (per CODA requirements) that have signed a contract/training agreement with Northwood Tech for these experiences and will work according to clinic expectations.