



DENTAL ASSISTING

COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS

Our mission is to give MJC Dental Assisting Program students the support to start a new career with confidence and expanded opportunities.

Collaborative partnerships with Stanislaus Dental Society, Stanislaus County Office of Education, and Stanislaus County Workforce Development allows MJC to provide the best resources, networking, learning and career opportunities to thrive.

REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE

- Externship rotations, 16 hours per week, start after the 8th week of the first semester and continue throughout the program.
- Students have rotations with 3-4 different facilities to give quality experience in more than one general office/facility and experience in specialty practices.

ONE YEAR PROGRAM

- *Three semesters, a total of 12 months.*
- *Uniquely designed hybrid program: live online lectures, in-person labs, externships.*
- *California Dental Board approved Certifications:*

- **2-HOUR DENTAL PRACTICE ACT**
- **8-HOUR INFECTION CONTROL**
- **32-HOUR RADIATION SAFETY**
- **12-HOUR CORONAL POLISH**

REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTING EXAM PREPARATORY PROGRAM

- Following DA Program completion, students pursuing an RDA license, can register for a 1 semester program for RDA exam review and complete a combined 1280 externship hours with previous DA program externship.
- Having an RDA license provides higher starting pay and earlier career growth opportunities.

ACCORDING TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT

Employment of dental assistants is projected to grow 8% from 2020-2030, faster than the average for all occupations.

JOB OPENINGS

Average of 56,400 job openings per year. Private, corporate, and government practices hire year round.

STARTING WAGES

Average starting wages of \$38,660 per year, \$18.59 per hour. Specialties and private offices can start at more than the average.