



Dental Assisting



Overview: The Dental Assisting program at LTCC consists of three courses. In Dental Assisting and Radiology, Part 1 (HEA 147A), students learn the skills necessary to begin a career as an entry-level, back-office Dental Assistant. In Dental Radiology, Part 2 (HEA 147B), students learn anatomic interpretation, x-ray technique, and radiation safety. This radiology curriculum is approved by the California Board of Dental Examiners. In Dental Radiology, Part 3 (Externship) (HEA 147C), students hone their workplace dental assisting skills and take part in a comprehensive externship placement experience. Upon successful completion of all three courses, students will be awarded a Short-Term Departmental Certificate in Dental Assisting and a Radiation Safety Certificate (required to work in a California dental office). For further information about this program, contact the Career and Technical Education department at extension 583 or 723.

All courses from the following (21 units):

- HEA 147A Dental Assisting and Radiology, Part I
- HEA 147B Dental Radiology, Part 2
- HEA 147C Dental Radiology, Part 3 (Externship)

Course	Face-to-face offerings	Online Offerings
HEA 147A	Every fall	No offerings
HEA 147B	Every winter	No offerings
HEA 147C	Every spring	No offerings

HEA-147A: Dental Assisting and Radiology, Part 1 - 7.25 units This course is the first of a three-part series which provides students with the skills necessary to work in dental offices as entry-level, back office assistants. This course includes basic dental terminology, tooth identification, intraoral anatomy, four-handed dentistry, sterilization, and asepsis. Successful completion of the entire three-course sequence, to include HEA 147A, HEA 147B, and HEA 147C, will culminate in a Dental Assisting certificate and a California Radiation Safety certificate. Uniforms will be required for this course (approximate cost \$30); information will be provided by the instructor at the first class session. **Materials Fee: \$25**

HEA-147B: Dental Radiology, Part 2 - 8.25 units This course is the second of a three-part sequence focusing on advanced dental radiological safety procedures, anatomic interpretation, and mounting. Students will receive hands-on experience in perfecting x-ray technique using both the paralleling and bisecting techniques. The radiology curriculum is approved by the California Board of Dental Examiners and successful completion of the entire course sequence, to include HEA 147A, HEA 147B, and HEA 147C will culminate in a Dental Assisting short-term career preparation certificate and a California Radiation Safety certificate. Uniforms will be required for this course (approximate cost \$30); information will be provided by the instructor at the first class session. **Prerequisites:** HEA 147A or equivalent experience **Materials Fee: \$30.**

HEA-147C: Dental Radiology, Part 3 (Externship) - 5.5 units This course is the third part of a three-part course sequence which prepares students for responsible positions as dental assistants. The focus in this course is on acquiring advanced dental assisting skills through externship placement and lab practice and completion of patient radiographs. Students will practice and perfect their chairside skills in an actual dentist office and will meet with the instructor on a weekly basis for additional skill practice of advanced procedures. Students are required to complete a minimum of 50 externship hours. The radiology curriculum is approved by the California Board of Dental Examiners and successful completion of the entire course sequence, to include HEA 147A, HEA 147B, and HEA 147C will culminate in a Dental Assisting certificate and a California Radiation Safety certificate. Uniforms will be required for this course (approximate cost \$30); information will be provided by the instructor at the first class session.

Prerequisites: HEA 147B or equivalent experience. **Materials Fee: \$35**

Corequisites: CPR Card (Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers), Verification of Hep-B vaccination, Verification of Tetanus vaccination, and Verification of negative TB Test.

Successful completion of HEA- 147A, HEA-147B, and HEA-147C will culminate in an Infection Control certificate as required by the California Dental Board. You can find information about how to become a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) and the testing protocol on the California Dental Board’s website using this link: http://www.dbc.ca.gov/applicants/rda/becomelicensed_rda.shtml

Please note: Students are required to meet with a counselor to develop an educational plan. All schedules subject to change!

2017-18 Detailed Schedule for Dental Assisting

➤ No current offerings

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To view the list of approved educational programs through the Dental Board of California, visit their website at www.dbc.ca.gov or click on this link: <http://www.dbc.ca.gov/applicants/rda/courses.shtml>.

Projected Schedule for Dental Assisting

Summer 2017	Fall 2017	Winter 2018	Spring 2018	Summer 2018	Fall 2018	Winter 2019	Spring 2019
No Offerings	No Offerings	No Offerings	No Offerings	No Offerings	No Offerings	No Offerings	No Offerings
Summer 2019	Fall 2019	Winter 2020	Spring 2020	Summer 2020	Fall 2020	Winter 2021	Spring 2021
No Offerings	HEA 147A-01	HEA 147B-01	HEA 147C-01	No Offerings	HEA 147A-01	HEA 147B-01	HEA 147C-01

LTCC also offers a Short-term Certificate in *Emergency Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Phlebotomy, and Physical Therapy Aide*. For more information, go to our website at www.ltcc.edu and click on the “Academics” tab, click on “Academic Programs” and then click on “[Allied Health](#)”.

To become a student at Lake Tahoe Community College, you will need to complete an online application before you can register for classes. Please go to our website at www.ltcc.edu/admissions and click on “[Apply](#)”. Your application might take up to 24 hours to process prior to your being able to enroll in specific courses, so please be patient and check the LTCC email you are assigned for updates. Contact Enrollment Services at 530-541-4660 ext. 211 or enrollmentservices@ltcc.edu for information on assessment, orientation, and counseling. To view the schedule of current classes, go to LTCC’s website at www.ltcc.edu and click on the “Academics” and the “[Schedule of Classes](#)” tab.