

Mission Statement

The mission of Arkansas Dental Assistant Academy is to prepare our students for a rewarding career by providing them with the fundamental skills of dental assisting through a hands-on educational approach by highly trained and experienced staff.

To facilitate the accomplishment of our mission we are committed to certain core values consisting of:

- Providing each student personal attention and a worthwhile learning experience.
- Ensuring an honest, caring, and concerned staff and creating an uplifting environment.
- Providing a well organized, state-of-the art curriculum to meet the needs of the dental profession.
- Maintaining an active referral base to facilitate the placement of our graduates.
- Assuring our constituents in the dental profession of high quality, well-trained dental assistants.
- Recognizing the individual pride and dignity of each of our students; and ensuring long-term growth and well being of our dedicated and loyal staff.



General Information

Course Information:

Our program runs for ten consecutive weeks on Saturdays from the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm with an hour for lunch. Morning sessions (8:00-11:00) are lecture, and afternoon sessions (12:00-5:00) are for clinical hands-on laboratory experience. Breaks are given for ten-minute periods approximately every one to one and one-half hours.

Class Schedule and Enrollment:

Classes are enrolled on a first come first serve basis. Enrollment is not secured until down payment is received. Enrollment is continuous right up until the start of the first scheduled class. Classes will begin at various times through the year, depending on demand and enrollment. It is currently planned to offer two to three classes a year.

Campus Locations:

Jonesboro, Arkansas



Program Information

- Arkansas Dental Assistant Academy has designed this program for the individual who wants to gain the basic knowledge and skills necessary to enter the professional field of dental assisting. This program will allow people to access the job market quickly without incurring a burdensome debt and loss of time at their current job or profession
- The course runs for ten consecutive weeks on Saturdays from the hours of 8:00 a.m and 5:00 p.m. with an hour for lunch.
- Morning sessions (8:00 to 11:00) are lecture, and afternoon sessions (12:00 to 5:00) are for clinical , hands-on laboratory experience. Instructors are available by appointment from 5:00-5:30 for tutoring.
- It is recommended that students go ahead and buy a uniform since some of the materials we work with in a dental office can permanently stain or damage clothing. Hospital scrubs are the preferred dental office attire.
- Eighty clock hours are required for the successful completion of this course. The program title for this course is Dental Assistant Training.



Tuition and Fees

Program Cost:

- Tuition is due and payable in advance. However, students may elect to arrange TWO monthly payments while attending school.
- Extended credit plans may be considered through bank financing , based upon the applicant's personal credit position.

Total Cost:

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- The total cost for the Arkansas Dental Assistant Academy program is \$3,295.00
- The total cost may be paid out using the following options:
 1. \$3,295.00 before the first day of class.
 2. \$1,295.00 down payment, then \$1,000.00 at the beginning of first class and \$1,000.00 at the second class.
 3. Care Credit, a financing company that we use, offers a 24 month, interest free payment option that is available upon approval. Applications can be made through our dental office or www.carecredit.com

Other Expenses:

- The following supplies are recommended, but not a requirement of Arkansas Dental Assistant Academy:
 - 1 set of hospital scrubs
 - A comfortable pair of tennis shoes or nursing shoes (No flip flops or sandals)
 - Notebook to organize notes



Admission Requirements

Admission Requirements:

- Any person who has attained a high school diploma or G.E.D. High School Equivalency Certificate is able to attend Arkansas Dental Assistant Academy. All applicants must exhibit a proper willingness and enthusiasm to learn the art of dental assisting.
- A high school senior may take our course on the condition that he/she has an overall grade point average of B and with three recommendation letters from the counselor/teacher. Credit may be granted, subject to the director's approval, for previous education or training.
- Admissions at Arkansas Dental Assistant Academy are conducted throughout the year. Those applicants who apply during the course of class training will be given first consideration to be enrolled in the next course.

Admission Procedures:

- An Open House will be conducted for all interested students and their families on the Thursday Night before school begins at 5:30 p.m. (sharp, not a drop in). Arkansas Dental Assistant Academy encourages the parent, spouse, or other family member, as is appropriate, to attend the Open House with their student. This gives everyone an opportunity to become familiar with each other and serves as a question-and-answer period for student, family, instructors and faculty alike.
- Admission representatives are available Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 and 5:00 p.m.





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Prospective Student,

We at Arkansas Dental Assistant Academy wish to welcome you to a new, innovative, and unique course in dental assisting. We offer a course designed to give you the best, basic foundational knowledge and skills necessary to start your new career at a minimum cost of time and expense.

We offer this opportunity from the perspective of practicing dentists and experienced dental assistants in the setting of an actual dentist office. While we will seek to give you exposure to a wide range of techniques, materials, and dental knowledge, we will focus on the skills we as dentists see as “core necessities” for job acquisition.

Job opportunities for trained dental assistants are quite good in today’s marketplace. While no one can guarantee job placement, the dental profession is currently facing a shortage of trained dental assistants. If one examines the want ads for dental assistants, virtually all jobs require experience. How can you get a job without experience, and how can you get experience without a job? With our course, we believe that gap can be bridged in a minimal amount of time at a reasonable cost.

Welcome to Arkansas Dental Assistant Academy, a new career, a new life, a new you!

Dr. Michael C. Parkey, D.D.S.

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