

GENESIS DENTAL SCHOOL OF ASSISTING

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQ #1 - What sets your program apart from other dental assisting programs?

FIRST IS TIME. Our program is 10 weeks. It is not 6, 12, or 18 months. We will not waste your time teaching you subjects that have little relevance to the everyday work of a dental assistant. We do not inflate the curriculum in order to justify a longer program

SECOND IS COST. Our tuition is NOT \$8,000 - \$10,000. We are proud of our low cost of \$2,995

THIRD IS EXPERIENCE. Our program was started in 1987 and was the first in the country to train dental assistants in an actual practicing dental office. Specifically, our Salt Lake area school has been in operation since 2007. We do not teach in a vocational classroom using antiquated or non-functioning equipment. You will be trained on state of the art equipment in an operating dental practice by dental professionals who actually practice dentistry every day. You will receive maximum hands-on practice accompanied by audio-visual teaching aids.

FAQ #2 - How long is your program?

10 WEEKS! Not 6 months, not 12 months, not 18 months. Change your career and your life in less than 3 months.

FAQ #3 - When are the classes? (What days and how long)

The classes for the program are ONLY on Saturday. There are no weekday classes. There are no evening classes. The classes on Saturday are all day from 8 am to 4 pm. The morning consists of learning the concepts and the afternoon consists of hands on practicing the skills in the dental office.

FAQ #4 - What is included in the course?

Everything is included. There are absolutely NO extra charges. Not only are all books, tuition, fees, X-ray certification, CPR certification, and a set of dental assisting scrubs included, but we also stock the refrigerator at the school with each beverages for the students for the entire 10 week course.

FAQ #5 - How much does your program cost?

One of the most exciting things about our program is the low cost. The total cost is \$2,995. This includes all fees for registration, graduation, and CPR certification; it also includes all books and a set of scrubs. There are no additional costs whatsoever. Do not waste \$8,000 - \$10,000 of your money sitting in a classroom for 6 -18 months.

FAQ #6 - Is there financing available? What are the payment options?

OPTION #1 PRE-PAYMENT IN FULL

Any student who pays tuition in full on or before the night of the Open House will receive a \$250 discount off their tuition. We accept cash, check, and all major credit cards. You can even pay from your phone.

OPTION #2 THREE (3) PAYMENTS

Three equal payments – Payment #1 before start of class, Payment #2 by 4th class, Payment #3 by 9th class

OPTION #3 EXTENDED MONTHLY PAYMENTS

For those students wishing to finance their tuition and spread payments out over an extended period we have several options. These options include programs for good credit and poor credit. There are options with a down payment and without a down payment. Options that include interest and options with no interest. Taking advantage of such options can lower a student's payment to less than \$100 per month.

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FAQ #7 - Can I get a government student loan to pay for the course?

No. While we offer students the ability to get a loan to pay for tuition, these loans are personal loans and not government student loans. Government loans are only available for traditional college courses and our program is more accurately classified as a job training program.

FAQ #8 - How big are the classes?

We limit our classes to 20 students. We purposely keep it small so that there is a lot of one on one instruction, particularly in the afternoon, when students are practicing the skills. We want to make sure there are never more than 5 students to 1 instructor.

FAQ #9 - How fast do the classes fill up?

Registration closes on the night of the Open House which is usually 9 days before the start of each semester. Every class is filled to capacity. Normally, there are still a few openings on the night of the Open House and that is when we officially fill the class. However, occasionally the semester is filled prior to the Open House. If you know you want to take the course then do not delay. Register as early as possible in order to secure your spot.

FAQ #10 - How do I register?

The best way is to register online right on our website. Registration is very simple. However, you may also register by mailing in your registration papers, faxing in your registration papers, or personally delivering them to the school.

FAQ #11 - How much money does a dental assistant make?

Dental Assistants make well over double the minimum wage. Experienced dental assistants average more than \$19 per hour in the Salt Lake area. Graduates of our course have been averaging \$13-14 per hour to start.

FAQ #12 - Do you offer job placement assistance?

Absolutely! One of the aspects of the curriculum which we pride ourselves on is the training we extend to our students on how to interview and get a dental assisting job. In addition, dentists from the surrounding area call our school to request our students. This service is free to both dentists and students. It is not uncommon for some students to get interviews and even jobs before they graduate. Dental assisting positions are always available and job prospects for dental assistants are always better than the current market conditions.

FAQ #13 - What if I am scared of being able to pass the class?

Many students express concern over their ability to pass the class. Our graduation rate is well over 90%. Unlike many school settings where learning is mostly achieved by listening to dry lectures and reading boring text books, our program is very hands-on. The majority of the learning is done by hands-on practice during class time using actual dental equipment. Anyone can pass if they come to each class and commit to do their best.

FAQ #14 - What if I am interested in dental hygiene?

On average dental hygienists make about double what dental assistants make. Dental hygiene is a wonderful career option. However, it is not for everyone. Dental hygiene requires 3-4 years of intensive schooling and involves work that can seem to some as repetitive. Becoming a dental assistant first is a great option. It allows you work directly in the field to see if dental hygiene is right for you. It, also, is a perfect job to work while you are doing the college prerequisites and preparing for hygiene school.

FAQ #15 - What if I am currently working?

Our program is designed with you in mind. We run our classes from 8am - 4pm on Saturdays with no evening or mid-week classes. Maintain your current job while you are starting your new career.

FAQ #16 - What if I am still in high school?

If you are in the second half of your senior year you are eligible for the program. If you are on schedule to graduate you can be accepted into our winter (January) or spring (April) semesters. Contact our program director for more details.

FAQ #17 - Is your school registered with the state?

Yes, Absolutely! Genesis Dental School of Assisting is registered with state of Utah. The Utah Postsecondary Proprietary School Act requires that any educational institution must be registered with the Utah Division of Consumer Protection which is a division of the Department of Commerce. Registration with the state under this act does not constitute approval of your curriculum. The registration process is designed to assure that no false or misleading claims are being made and that the institution is financially viable for the protection of enrolled students.

FAQ #18 - Is your school accredited?

There is no such thing as an accredited dental assisting program in Utah. While there are some states (California for instance) which require some kind of license or certification, you do not need a license or a certification to be a dental assistant in Utah. Therefore, there is no agency which oversees dental assisting programs. There is no set of guidelines which must be met in order for your program to teach dental assisting. Any school which tries to indicate that their program is accredited is misleading you. The key factor is for each prospective student to determine which program is best designed to train them as a dental assistant so that they can get a job.

However, any dental assisting school which desires to train unlicensed dental assistants in radiology (ie taking x-rays), must have their radiology curriculum approved by the Utah State Board of Dental/Dental Hygiene and the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing. Our radiology curriculum has been reviewed and approved. Therefore, upon graduation of our course, not only will you be prepared to get a job as a dental assistant, but you will be approved by the state to take x-rays on dental patients under the supervision of a dentist.

FAQ #19 - Will I be licensed when I complete the course?

While no license or certification exists in Utah for dental assisting. Not only will you be properly trained to get a job as a dental assistant, but, upon completion of our course, you will also be certified to take X-rays and you will be certified in CPR.

FAQ #20 - What is the difference between this and a 6-18 month program.

Time and Money. The longer programs take more time and cost more money. Our program does a better job of training and preparing you to be a dental assistant for a fraction of the cost and a fraction of the time. Do not waste a year of your life and \$8,000 - \$10,000. Start an amazing new career in 10 fun, easy weeks.