



## MIAMI LAKES EDUCATIONAL CENTER AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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### ➤ Our Vision, Mission and Core Values

**VISION:** The vision of Miami Lakes Educational Center and Technical College is to facilitate, promote and provide successful career training opportunities and high academic standards for secondary and postsecondary students designed to meet the challenges of an everchanging global economy.

**CORE VALUES:** Accountability, Citizenship, Flexibility, Integrity, Organizational and Personal Learning, Positive Atmosphere and Culture, Preparing Students, Professionalism, Pursuit of Excellence, Respect, and Valuing Stakeholders.

**MISSION:** The mission of Miami Lakes Educational Center and Technical College is to create a highly qualified future workforce by offering state-of-the-art academic, career and technical education to all generations within our community.

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# DENTAL ASSISTING

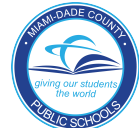
PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE UNDER THE INSTRUCTION AND SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST



- TEACHING THE BASICS
- UPGRADING SKILLS
- IMPROVING PERFORMANCE
- PROVIDING NEW CAREER OPTIONS

## MIAMI LAKES EDUCATIONAL CENTER AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

We provide the highest quality education so that all of our students are empowered to lead productive and fulfilling lives as lifelong learners and responsible citizens.



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# DENTAL ASSISTING

## Program Objective

The Dental Assisting program objective is to help students gain new knowledge and acquire professional skills in order to attain a meaningful position in a highly regarded field. By creating an environment in which students are stimulated to learn, grow personally, and to develop decision-making and problem-solving skills necessary to meet the demands of the profession and the community.

## Program Content

The course content includes, but is not limited to:

- ▶ Dental office and patient management
- ▶ Basic dental laboratory procedures
- ▶ Dental and general anatomy
- ▶ Dental terminology
- ▶ Oral pathology
- ▶ Nutrition and preventive dentistry
- ▶ Dental instruments and equipment
- ▶ Microbiology
- ▶ Dental pharmacology and anesthesia
- ▶ Chairside assisting and expanded functions
- ▶ Maintenance and asepsis of dental operator and instrumentation
- ▶ Employability skills
- ▶ Ethics and jurisprudence
- ▶ Dental materials and preventive dentistry
- ▶ Leadership human relations skills: HOSA membership and participation activities

This program incorporates practical experience in dental clinics and offices. This program is accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission of Dental Accreditation and the Florida Board of Dentistry. Upon graduation, students are eligible to take the National Board Examination of Dental Assistants as well as obtain the Dental Radiographer Certification for the State of Florida.

## Admission Requirements

- ▶ 16 years of age or older and not currently enrolled in any K-12 program
- ▶ Occupational Interest
- ▶ High School Diploma / GED from an Accredited High School

## Completion Requirements

The entire program is 1230 hours, but students can earn a certificate upon completion of the following OCPs:

| OCP | COURSE                             | HOURS |
|-----|------------------------------------|-------|
| A   | Introduction to Dental Assisting   | 90    |
| B   | Dental Infection Control Assistant | 210   |
| C   | Dental Assistant 1                 | 465   |
| C   | Dental Assistant 2                 | 465   |

Satisfactory Completion of all OCPs and passing the Final Test (theory, practical and Clinical) will award student the Expanded Functions Certificate for the State of Florida. Minimum basic-skills grade levels required for awarding a Full Program Completion Certificate are 10th grade in Math, Reading, and Language on the TABE® test. Additional information can be provided by student services.

**Students are expected to complete program competencies.**

## Employment Opportunities

- ▶ Private
- ▶ Dental Schools
- ▶ Hospitals

## Salary

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the average earnings in 2023 for a Dental Assistant were **\$46,240** annually or **\$22.23** per hour.

## Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to those who qualify. Applicants must have a high school diploma from an accredited High School, or its equivalent. To apply, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to the Financial Aid Office.

## Program Cost

- ▶ In-state residents - \$2.56 per hour (Subject to change)
- ▶ Out of state resident - \$10.25 per hour (Subject to change)
- ▶ \$20.00 application fee per trimester
- ▶ Material fee - Varies by program
- ▶ Identification fee - \$5.00 per trimester
- ▶ Students must purchase books/kits and/or uniforms, if applicable

## Program Hours

- ▶ Monday - Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.