

Dental Aide

Institutional Award of Completion in Dental Aide

Degree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Short-Term Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Credit Certificate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Industry Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Dental Aide program at Northeast Alabama Community College is designed to guide you in a variety of skills and to provide career pathways into the dental profession. The program is a 12 week course of study which includes classroom instruction and hands-on training.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, dentists are expected to hire more assistants to perform routine tasks so that they may devote their own time to more complex procedures. Demand for dental care continues to grow due to the increasing number of older adults keeping their teeth longer, increased awareness of oral health care, and the need for additional dental services.

This program is open to students 18 years of age or older who have obtained a high school diploma or general education diploma (GED). This program does not result in industry certification and does not carry college credit. It is, however, a 12-week program intended to help you to get your foot in the door in a dental office setting.

Occupational Outlook

- 27% increase in number of positions available through 2014
- \$11.50 median hourly wage for a dental aide in Alabama (range of \$9.87 - \$12.92)

Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Earnings vary based on experience, education and location.

Frequently Asked Questions

What kind of degree/ certificate can I earn from NACC?	Institutional non-credit certificate
What kind of job can I get with this certificate?	Completing participants may work for a privately owned dental office or for a group of dentists.
What kind of further education is available? Wallace State Community College – www.wallace.edu	You may wish to continue your education as a dental assistant (AAS degree) or dental hygienist (AAS degree). NACC has a linkage program with Wallace State Community College in Hanceville that will allow you to take the first year of academic classes at NACC and the second year (dental classes) at Wallace State.
When are new students accepted into the program?	Classes start in January and August.
Is financial aid available for those who qualify?	This program is not eligible for federal financial aid (Pell Grant).
How do I apply?	Obtain an application from the Skills Training Office.
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