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Therapeutic Services

DENTAL ASSISTANT
(31-508-1)
Technical Diploma
Most Courses Offered at Kenosha Campus

Effective 2017/2018

Dental Assistant (31-508-1)

Federal regulations require disclosure of the following information for this program:

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<td>$2,445</td>
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¹ Median Loan Debt: Based on eligibility, students can receive loans to help pay for the total cost of attending college. The cost is comprised of tuition and fees, books and supplies, transportation costs, room and board, and miscellaneous personal expenses. Therefore, median loan debt may be more than the listed tuition, fees, books, and supplies cost.

² On-time Graduation Rate: Dependent upon students' choice to attend college part-time or full-time. Students decide to attend college part-time for a number of reasons including work schedule/demands and family responsibilities. 76 percent of students at Gateway attend part-time, therefore taking longer to complete their chosen program of study.

The Dental Assistant program is only offered on a full-time basis, Monday through Friday. Travel is required to clinical sites. Students must provide their own transportation.

### Minimum Program Total Credits Required

32 Credits

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Dental Assistant program prepares graduates to work with dentists as they examine and treat patients. Dental Assistants with documented skills also may carry out a variety of laboratory, clinical and office duties. Some dental assistants manage the office and are responsible for patient scheduling and bookkeeping functions. Graduates receive a technical diploma and are eligible to write the certification examination of the Dental Assisting National Board. Most dental assistants work in general or specialized dental offices, either for individual dentists or for groups of dentists. Some dental assistants may choose to work for insurance companies, dental laboratories, or dental supply companies. The dental assistant also may find employment with federal agencies such as the Veterans’ Administration, United States Public Health Services, the Armed Forces, or a state, county or city health facility.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Minimum 32 credits with an average of 2.0 or above.
2. *Minimum Grade of 2.0 (“C”) or above for these major courses. For a complete list of Graduation Requirements check the Student Handbook.
3. Students must submit an application and $30 fee.
4. Students must complete reading, writing, and math, skills placement assessments.
5. Students must submit official high school, GED, or HSED transcript including a graduation or passing date.
6. Students must complete a Background Disclosure form and must request and pay for a background check. Applicants for all health science programs are subject to a review of their criminal backgrounds. Positive background checks may negatively impact your ability to pursue a health career at Gateway Technical College. Each case will be individually evaluated based on all available evidence provided to the college.
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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

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**CORE ABILITIES**

1. Act responsibly
2. Communicate clearly and effectively
3. Demonstrate essential comp. skills
4. Demonstrate essential math skills
5. Develop job seeking skills
6. Respect themselves and others as a member of a diverse community
7. Think critically and creatively
8. Work cooperatively
9. Value learning

**NOTES**

1. This course will be taught online. Basic computer literacy and Blackboard knowledge are highly recommended.
2. A satisfactory placement test score (or successful remediation) is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details.
3. Any non-508 course may be taken prior to entry in the program, assuming requisites have been satisfied (or waived with departmental approval).
4. Students will be selected for their initial core 508 courses using a petition process. Students must meet petition requirements prior to enrolling in 508 courses.
5. This program has a second-tier admission process for clinical/practicum/program courses called petitioning. Students are selected based on completion of academic eligibility requirements and district residency. See [https://www.gtc.edu/student-services/admissions/what-petitioning](https://www.gtc.edu/student-services/admissions/what-petitioning) for additional information.
6. Students must provide CPR for the Healthcare Provider certification prior to enrollment.
8. Course 508-311 Dental Assistant Clinical - Advanced has changed to a Pass/Fail grading system.
9. Please note that your program may require one or all of the following additional fee(s) for: Criminal Background Check, Medical Documentation Manager, and/or Drug Testing.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Gateway Technical College reserves the right to modify curriculum requirements for students who interrupt enrollment for a period of two years or take over seven years to complete. Tuition and material fees are determined by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System. Consult Web Advisor for exact fee amounts. Occasionally, the District may offer a particular course out of published sequence. By doing so, the District does not obligate itself to offer succeeding courses out of published sequence.

To schedule an appointment with an advisor, please call 1-800-247-7122.

For a complete list of course descriptions (and possible online courses) for this program, please consult Web Advisor on our web page at [www.gtc.edu](http://www.gtc.edu).

My advisor is _________________. My advisor’s contact information is _______________________________.

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