



# Dental Assistant

## Career Pathway at Madison College

**Bachelor's Degree**  
[4-Year Transfer Options](#)

**Upper-Level Employment**  
 Other Health Careers—various options with additional training or experience.

**Continued Education:**

**[Dental Hygienist](#)**  
**Associate Degree—70 credits**  
 Students who have completed the Dental Assistant Technical Diploma will have 5 credits completed toward the Associate degree.

**[Dental Continuing Education](#)**—noncredit programs

**Mid-Level Employment**

**Example Job Titles:**  
 ♦ Dental Hygienist

**Average Industry Wages:**  
 \$27.44-\$35.69 per hour

- High School Opportunities**  
Start on your path while still in High School with dual enrollment options.
- Credit for Prior Learning**  
Transfer in, experiential credit, challenge exams.
- Bridge: Chemistry/Math**  
Skill building and academic support for students that need it.

**[Dental Assistant](#)**  
 Technical Diploma—16 credits



**Entry-Level Employment**

**Example Job Titles**  
 ♦ Dental Assistant  
 ♦ Dental Lab Technician

**Average Industry Wages:**  
 \$14.55-\$17.43 per hour

**EXPERIENCE**

**EDUCATION**

Career Pathways  
 Real world smart.