

DENTAL ASSISTING

\$13-24 PER HOUR
(OK SALARY RANGES)

To prepare individuals to enter the health care industry as competent, entry-level health care providers.

Instruction includes patient records, legal and ethical issues affecting the dental profession, and the study of the head and neck anatomy, tooth identification and morphology, dental terminology, infection control and instrumentation. Chair-side procedures practiced in the classroom, lab, and at dental offices include digital and manual x-rays, impressions, study models, dental charting, suctioning, and passing instruments.



"I chose to attend Autry Tech because it has the Dental Assisting program I was looking for. I enjoy that our class feels like family!"

-Tatyan H.

CAREERS AVAILABLE IN THE INDUSTRY:

- Dental offices/clinics
- Specialty dental practices
- Dental colleges
- Dental laboratories
- Military dental clinics

LICENSURE / CERTIFICATIONS:

- OSHA 10 Healthcare
- Dental Assistant Permit (Oklahoma Board of Dentistry/Oklahoma Dental Foundation)
- Radiation Safety Course Certificate
- American Heart Association-BLS Healthcare Provider CPR
- American Heart Association-BLA Healthcare Provider First Aid



CONTACT STUDENT SERVICES
for current tuition rates
and enrollment information.
580.242.2750

**Tuition is free for in-district high school students.
Tuition for in-district adults is \$2.00/hour.**

***2019 Oklahoma salary ranges were obtained from O*Net OnLine**



COURSE LENGTH/IN-DISTRICT TUITION AND COSTS

Aug-May	M-F	High School: 8:15-10:45am/12:30-3:15pm
	M-F	Adult: 8:15-11:15am/12:30-3:30pm
Tuition:		In-District / Out-of -District \$1050 / \$2100 Half Day
Who can enroll:		Adults and High School Juniors & Seniors <i>who will turn 18 by March 1 (August enrollment) or October 1 (January enrollment)</i>
Additional cost:		Books and supplies for adults are approximately: \$974

HIGHLIGHTS

- Taking digital and manual x-rays
- Developing and mounting x-ray films
- Mixing filling materials
- Taking impressions, pouring and trimming study models
- Developing administrative procedures
- Preparing patient records, including charting, patient entries
- Practicing infection control in dentistry
- Identifying dental instruments

AREAS OF INTEREST & HELPFUL SKILLS

- Interest in dental field
- Caring nature and desire to help others
- Ability to get along with others
- Ability to stand for long periods of time
- Good eye-hand coordination and flexibility
- Manual/finger dexterity
- Computer/keyboarding skills

APPLICATION POLICY

Incoming **high school juniors and seniors** make application for Autry enrollment during their high school spring and/or fall enrollment (**in-district only**).

In-district adults can make application throughout the year and will be considered for enrollment following the completion of in-district high school enrollments. Out-of-district adults will be considered after completion of in-district adult enrollment.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

After submitting an online application and in order to be considered for enrollment, the following information will be collected and scored in a rubric:

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Attendance
- Current high school transcript with cumulative GPA
- Test scores (Pre-ACT, ACT, PSAT, SAT, or Next-Generation Accuplacer)
- 2 interview questions

GRADUATING IN-DISTRICT SENIORS

- Complete high school transcript with final GPA
- Test scores (Pre-ACT, ACT, PSAT, SAT, or Next-Generation Accuplacer)
- 2 interview questions

ADULTS

- Successful college hours or current test scores (Pre-ACT, ACT, PSAT, SAT, or Next-Generation Accuplacer)
- 2 interview questions

Adults applying for admission must take the Next-Generation Accuplacer assessment if successful college hours or current standardized testing is not available. An Autry career counselor will interpret the assessment results to determine interest and suitability for enrollment.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Financial Aid: Financial aid options are available for qualified students. Contact the financial aid office at Autry Technology Center for more information.

Autry Scholarship: This scholarship is available to high school graduates who: (1) live in the Autry Tech district (2) lived in the Autry Tech district their senior year in high school, and (3) meet enrollment guidelines. This scholarship covers 100% tuition for up to three years immediately following high school graduation. The cost of books and supplies is the responsibility of the student. Scholarship eligibility will be reviewed each semester.

Tuition: In-district high school students pay no tuition for full-time career programs. In-district adult students pay in-district rates. In-district adults are defined as post-secondary individuals who have established legal/permanent residence in the Autry Tech district. All others pay out-of-district rates.

Expenses: May include, but are not limited to, textbooks and supplies available at <http://autrytech.edu/student-services/books-supplies/>.

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CAREER PATHWAY: THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

PROGRAM : DENTAL ASSISTING

potential courses

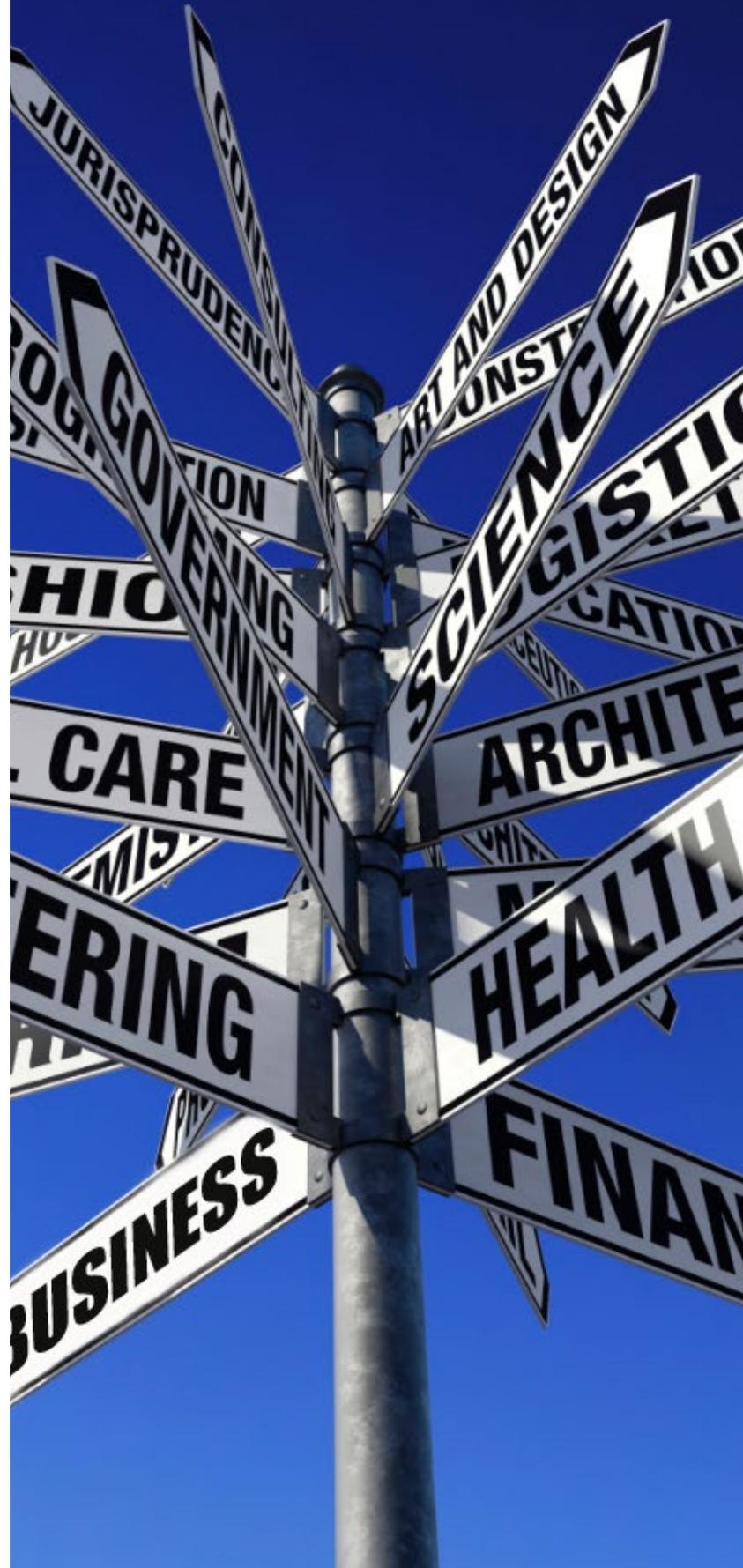
Foundations of Dental Assisting

Dental Science

Clinical Sciences for the Dental Assistant

Internship in the Dental Office

Total Class Hours - 525



DENTAL ASSISTING

- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The Job Developer with Autry Technology Center works diligently to match students with jobs available in industry. Any questions regarding current employment opportunities should be directed to the Job Developer.

- **SALARY RANGE**

Listed below is the salary range in Oklahoma for Dental Assisting obtained from O*Net OnLine.

2019			
	Lowest 10%	Median	Highest 10%
Hourly	\$13.06	\$17.61	\$23.72
Annually	\$27,170	\$36,620	\$49,340

- **OCCUPATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS**

(Information obtained from the US Dept. of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook)

Dental assistants work closely with, and under the supervision of, dentists. Dental assistants should not be confused with dental hygienists, who are licensed to perform different clinical tasks.

Dental assistants sterilize and disinfect instruments and equipment, prepare and lay out the instruments and materials required to treat each patient, and obtain patients' dental records. Assistants make patients as comfortable as possible in the dental chair and prepare them for treatment. During dental procedures, assistants work alongside the dentist to provide assistance. They hand instruments and materials to dentists and keep patients' mouths dry and clear by using suction or other devices. They also instruct patients on postoperative and general oral health care.

Dental assistants may prepare materials for impressions and restorations, take dental x-rays, and process x-ray film as directed by a dentist. They also may remove sutures, apply topical anesthetics to gums or cavity-preventive agents to teeth, remove excess cement used in the filling process, and place rubber dams on the teeth to isolate them for individual treatment. Some states are expanding dental assistants' duties to include tasks such as coronal polishing and restorative dentistry functions for those assistants that meet specific training and experience requirements.

- **ACCREDITATIONS**

Oklahoma Board of Career and Technology Education
Oklahoma State Department of Education

INSTRUCTOR(S)



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Traci Gosney is a product of Autry Technology Center's Dental Assisting program and has been teaching at Autry Tech since 2008. She has an associate's degree from Northern Oklahoma College and a bachelor's degree in Career and Technical Education from Oklahoma State University. She is an active advisor of the local HOSA organization.