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BASIC DENTAL ASSISTING

Dental Assistants are trained to sit with the dentist to work on and assist the dentist with live patients. During the course of this special industry program, you will learn the basic principles of dental instruments, dental materials, and office procedures. You will also learn what is expected of a dental assistant. TCAT Pulaski strives to provide technical instruction and skill development to enable our students to become successful dental assistants. Upon successful completion of this special industry program, our students will receive a Basic Dental Assistant certificate. As a registered dental assisting program through the Tennessee Board of Dentistry, students successfully completing are eligible to apply to become a Registered Dental Assistant. This unique learning experience allows our students to also obtain interpersonal skills essential for career success and advancement.

Employment Opportunities:

- **Dental Offices**
- Hospitals

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ENROLLMENT INFORMATION	
Program Length:	175 hours (2 trimesters) 5:30 pm-8:30 pm; MonWed. and TuesThurs.
Program Location:	Pulaski Campus 1233 East College Street, Pulaski, TN 38478
Program Cost including Tuition, Fees plus Books/Supplies:	 \$972 - tuition; \$486 per trimester \$309 Books/Supplies, \$27-CPR; \$20-Liability Insurance; \$36 - Graduation (optional) Academic fee-\$100 (first trimester only). Total Cost \$1,464.00* *These costs are subject to change.
Requirements:	Complete the Admissions Process Checklist
Financial Aid:	Eligible for TN state aid (i.e., Wilder-Naifeh/Lottery, TN, TN Promise, TN Reconnect. Not eligible for Title IV federal financial aid (i.e., Pell Grant) Other aid sources possibly available.

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Career Training

Administrative Office Technology		
Automation, Process &		
Production Systems		
Basic Dental Assisting		
Building Construction		
Technology		
CNC Machining Technology		
Computer Operating Systems,		
Networking & Cybersecurity		
Criminal Justice: Correctional		
Officer		
Electrical and Plumbing		
Construction Technology		
Heating, Ventilation, Air		
Conditioning and Refrigeration		
Industrial Electricity		
Industrial Maintenance		
Technology		
Patient Care Technology/Medical		
Assisting		
Pharmacy Technology		
Practical Nursing		
Residential/Commercial Wiring &		
Plumbing		
Welding Technology		

Training Locations

Lawrence County Instructional Service Center Lawrenceburg Instructional Service Center North Lawrence Instructional Service Center South Lawrence Instructional Service Center

Basic Dental Assisting COURSE OUTLINE

BDA Curriculum	Hours
Worker Characteristic	6
Professional Orientation	6
Dentistry Science	21
Oral Health	15
Infection Prevention	12
Health & Safety	9
Patient Information	19
Worker Characteristic	6
Clinical Dentistry	16
Radiographic Imaging	17
Dental Materials	12
Dental Care Assisting	31
Dental Admin & Communication	5
Basic Dental Assistant Certificate	175 Hours

For More Information, Please Contact Student Services Department P.O. Box 614, Pulaski, TN 38478 931-424-4014

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