

NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
DENTAL ASSISTANT  
STUDENT POLICIES

DENTAL ASSISTANT CLINICALS

Basic Life Support (BLS) must be completed prior to the beginning of Dental Health and Safety class and must be kept current throughout the program.

The purpose of DA Clinical is to provide students with a supervised clinical experience to apply the dental assistant skills they have learned. This experience will take place in dental offices within the Northwood Tech district and students will be supervised by employees of that clinic. The Dental Assistant program instructor(s) and program director will also supervise this experience. Students must complete a minimum of 300 hours of clinical experience (per CODA requirements).

Students will be assigned to a minimum of two offices (per CODA requirements) that have signed a contract with Northwood Tech for these experiences and will work according to clinic expectations.

Financial reimbursement to a student for any time worked in a clinical setting as a student is not permitted. It is permissible, if the clinical agency so desires, to provide the student with a reward or incentive such as free/reduced meals or parking.

All required academic and skill competencies must be successfully completed prior to starting the DA Clinical experience. Students must also achieve higher than a 79.5% in each program courses prior to the initial site visit for Dental Assistant Clinical.