



DENTAL ASSISTING | PEOSTA

Admission Requirements

High School Completion.

Certify you are a high school graduate or have a high school equivalency diploma (HSED). All documents must be submitted to the Northeast Iowa Community College Admissions Office. » admissions@nicc.edu

Placement Assessments.

All students must have achieved a minimum level for reading prior to being accepted. Requirements may be satisfied by college or high school coursework, or completing one of the following placement assessments: ACT®, ACCUPLACER®, or ACCUPLACER NEXT GENERATION®. Students should submit their high school or official college transcripts or assessment results to the Admissions Office for consideration of an assessment waiver. The placement assessment must have occurred within three years of your application date. Dental Assisting applicants must meet one of the following minimum requirements for reading placement:

- ACCUPLACER® Reading: 70
- ACCUPLACER NEXT GENERATION® Reading: 250
- ACT® Reading: 19

Admission Status

Pending Requirements.

Students with a pending requirements status have submitted an application to the Dental Assisting program but have not completed one or more of the admission requirements outlined above. Students with a pending requirements status are not ranked on the waitlist until all requirements have been satisfied.

Waitlist.

Waitlist students have all the admission requirements completed and are waiting for acceptance into the Dental Assisting program. A waitlist is necessary due to limited capacity for program enrollment. Students are ranked on the waitlist based on the date they complete all admission requirements.

Accepted.

The Dental Assisting program begins in the fall. Students at the top of the waitlist are offered acceptance into the program and are required to respond by the stated deadline to avoid cancellation of their application. A student who refuses an acceptance offer will be placed at the bottom of the waitlist as of the date the Admission Office receives notice of their intent not to enroll.

Program Costs	DENTAL ASSISTING
Tuition/Fees	\$10,147 in-state* \$11,459 out-of-state*
Background Check, Drug Test and Medical Document Manager	\$99
Physical Exam/Immunizations (Varies based on health coverage.)	Undetermined
Lab Fees	\$500
Software Fees and X-ray Badges	\$405
Apparel (estimated)	\$185
Clinical Transportation (Gas and Lodging)	Undetermined
Books	\$1,200
TOTAL	\$12,536 in-state \$13,848 out-of-state

The costs above are provided as a guide to financing your Dental Assisting education. The costs provided are estimated at time of publication and do not reflect the exact cost a student may incur. * Based on the 2023-2024 tuition and fee rates.

Program Requirements

The following requirements must be satisfied prior to the second semester of the Dental Assisting program at Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC).

A student who does not successfully satisfy the program requirements will be placed at the bottom of the waitlist.

Orientation.

- Attendance at a mandatory program orientation. Notice of dates and times (usually one week prior to the start of the program) will occur after acceptance to the program.

Trainings.

- Complete the American Heart Association Health Care Professional (BLS) CPR or American Red Cross CPR for the Healthcare Providers certification.
- Mandatory Reporter of Child and Dependent Adult Abuse
- NICC HIPAA training

Student Health and Background Screening.

- Complete CastleBranch package to certify and collect compliance documents required of healthcare professionals.
- Criminal, dependent adult and child abuse background screening
- Physical and immunization records (time sensitive, one year expiration)
- Drug testing
- Provide annual proof of health insurance coverage prior to lab and clinical experiences.
- For detailed information and instructions visit, www.nicc.edu/programrequirements.

Resources.

www.nicc.edu/dentalassisting

www.ada.org/100.aspx

Learn More.

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