



Dental Assistant

in Northern New York State

01. How do I become a Dental Assistant?

You can become a Dental Assistant upon completion of a dental assistant education program approved by the New York State Education Department. These programs are typically one year in length.

What do Dental Assistants do?

Dental assistants perform a wide array of clinical and administrative duties under the supervision of a dentist.

- Assist during dental exams
- Prepare patients
- Take dental X-rays
- Sterilize instruments
- Administrative duties

Where do Dental Assistants work?

The majority of dental assistants work in dental offices and clinics, while some work in hospitals and doctors' offices.

Are jobs available in Northern NY?

Absolutely, yes! Between 2016 and 2026 the number of jobs is expected to increase by 19.5% nationwide and by 22.8% in New York.

How much do Dental Assistants make?

The NYS Department of Labor reports that dental assistants in New York earned an average annual salary of \$40,680. (entry level-\$27,610, experienced-\$56,580)



02. Where can I find an education program?

Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES
4500 Crown Road
Liverpool, NY 13090
(315) 453-4455

SUNY Jefferson
1220 Coffeen Street
Watertown, NY 13601
(315) 786-2200

03. NYS Licensure Requirements

To be licensed as a registered dental assistant in New York State you must:

- be at least 17 years of age
- meet education requirements
- meet examination requirements