

There is a growing demand for Registered Dental Assistants, Registered Dental Hygienists and Dental Office Managers in Nova Scotia.

Learn how to start your career in oral health.



REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Registered Dental Assistants are regulated health care professionals who work as an integral part of the health care team, under the supervision of a dentist, providing much-needed patient care and assistance to dentists and dental specialists.

You'll get to work directly with patients, preparing them for dental exams, taking x-rays and dental impressions, and assisting the dentist directly during patient care.

WHERE CAN I STUDY?

Education Programs

Accredited Schools: Nova Scotia Community College, CBBC Career College
Program Length: 1 year
Licensing: Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia

WHERE CAN I WORK?

Career Prospects

- Private Dental Offices
- Dental Supply Companies
- Hospitals
- Community/Public Health
- Educational Institutions
- Dental Office Administration

REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Registered Dental Hygienists are regulated health care professionals who work as an integral part of the health care team, providing dental hygiene treatment and education for both individuals and communities.

You'll get to connect directly with patients about their oral hygiene and provide preventative and therapeutic care and programs, including education. Registered Dental Hygienists perform preventative services such as polishing and scaling teeth, fluoride application, and taking x-rays. They also provide counsel on proper oral hygiene practices and smoking cessation.

WHERE CAN I STUDY?

Education Programs

Accredited Schools: Dalhousie University
Program Length: 2 years, plus a pre-professional year
Licensing: College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia

WHERE CAN I WORK?

Career Prospects

- Private Dental Offices
- Independent Dental Hygiene Practices
- Interdisciplinary Health Centres
- Continuing Care Facilities
- Mobile Clinics
- Public Sector

DENTAL OFFICE MANAGERS

Dental Office Managers work as an integral part of the health care team, performing the administrative functions that keep a dental office running smoothly.

Some of these duties can include coordinating marketing activities, booking appointments, assisting patients with dental insurance forms, budgeting office expenses, billing, chart management, record-keeping, knowing the protocols and regulations of the office, arranging staff schedules, leading staff meetings, managing employees, and handling payroll.

WHERE CAN I STUDY?

Dental Office Managers can come from a variety of educational backgrounds. Having a dental background or some formal administrative or managerial training helps in providing you with the skills and experience required to effectively manage a Dental Office.

There are several options for gaining formal management or administrative qualifications including certificate, diploma or degree programs that will provide you with training in areas such as:

- *Medical and Dental Terminology*
- *Bookkeeping*
- *Medical and Dental Billing Codes*
- *Office Technology*

WHERE CAN I WORK?

Career Prospects

- Private Dental Offices
- Independent Dental Hygiene Practices
- Interdisciplinary Health Centres