

Interested in becoming a Dental Assistant?

Want to become a qualified Dental Assistant before leaving school?

Maybe a school-based Dental Assisting traineeship is the right opportunity for you!

Did you know...? In the first quarter of 2021 (to February) Dental Assistants were the 6th most sought after occupation across Queensland in the Health and Social Assistance sector. Dental Assistants are also ranked in the top 10 occupations in demand as part of Queensland's post COVID recovery. As an unregulated health industry, more and more Dental Practices are insisting on Dental Assistants being qualified before hiring.

There has never been a better time to invest in a future career in the Dental Industry, becoming qualified before completing school will vastly improve employment opportunities for students' post-school. As a result, more and more Dental Practices are seeing the benefit of hiring school-based trainees.

What is a school-based Dental Assisting traineeship and what is involved?

School-based traineeships allow high school students, generally in Years 11 or 12, to work for an employer and train towards a recognised qualification, while completing their secondary schooling and studying for their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and/or Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

The commitment... school-based trainees must complete a minimum of 7.5 hours PAID employment per week; trainees usually take one day per week off school to attend the workplace. Trainees have a requirement to complete 375 hours over the course of 12 months. Working in a dental practice usually requires long days on your feet, sometimes up to 9 hours!

On top of school commitments and one day per week working in a Dental Practice, trainees must also complete their **HLT35021 Certificate III in Dental Assisting**. This qualification has 10 units of theoretical competency including a training record book to be completed in the Dental Practice as part of the practical component of the traineeship.

School-based traineeships require a lot of commitment given the amount of study that is involved, and the high-level competency required within the workplace...

AADA College strongly urges students to discuss becoming a trainee Dental Assistant with their school and parents before completing an expression of interest and applying.

School-based Dental Assistant Trainees can look forward to:

- ✓ Long-term employment opportunities
- ✓ Long-term job security
- ✓ Job ready and paid as a qualified Dental Assistant the moment you complete school
- ✓ Get paid to become qualified
- ✓ Receive excellent Industry training

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