



DENTAL ASSISTANT



Northwestern
Michigan College



TWO-YEAR ASSOCIATE DEGREE
ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE
NEW! CDA TO RDA COMPLETION

NMC's accredited Dental program:
RDA state board eligible



YOUR PATHWAY

to a successful career.



Join us on the journey to a fulfilling career in dental assisting!

Become a registered dental assistant at NMC with our:



Two-year associate degree



One-year certificate of achievement



CDA to RDA completion program (one semester)

Upon successful completion, along with a favorable background check, you'll be eligible for the Michigan state board exam. Passing the exam earns you the title of Registered Dental Assistant, allowing you to practice in the field right away.



Quicker entry into the workforce for students seeking a stable and fulfilling career.



FLEXIBLE PROGRAM, FLEXIBLE CAREER

"It works around my schedule with my kids. I can have weekends with my kids and just work during the week."

Judy O'Donnell, 2023 graduate
Michigan Reconnect
scholarship recipient



Dental
Scholarships
Available



Start your NMC journey at nmc.edu/apply | 855.FIND.NMC





NMC IS ACCREDITED BY CODA (Commission on Dental Accreditation)

Graduating from an accredited program makes students eligible to sit for the RDA state board exam and become a registered dental assistant with more earning potential.



Dedicated dental lab at NMC's Front Street Campus Health & Science Building



Small class sizes provide help & support. The program takes up to 24 students per semester



Summer internships are required. NMC helps coordinate 2 office location experiences



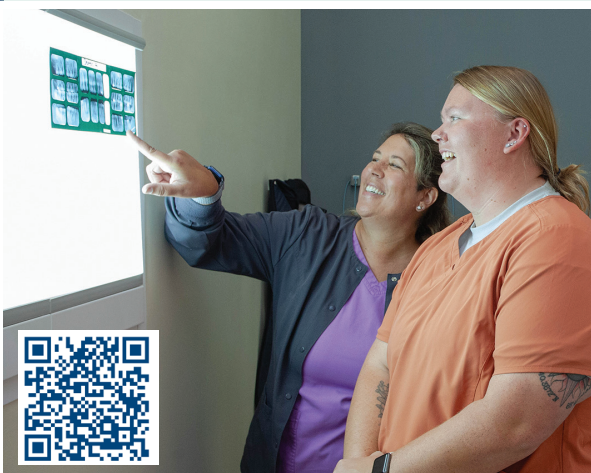
Variety of career opportunities:

- > Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)
- > Orthodontic Assistant
- > Oral Surgery Assistant
- > Pediatric Dental Assistant
- > Dental Office Manager
- > Educator or Trainer
- > Public Health Dental Assistant
- > Dental Lab Technician Assistant

We're here to support you:

- > Learn from industry experts
- > Enjoy beautiful Traverse City, MI
- > Stop by the Academic & Career Advising Center
- > Meet with a coach at the Student Success Center
- > Tutoring, math, writing and reading centers
- > Live on campus
- > Explore real-world learning

Get started today! 



Start your dental assistant journey at nmc.edu/dental 



Three Career Pathways

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT (Level II)

YEAR 1

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FALL / SPRING

COURSE	TITLE	CREDITS
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
ENG 111	English Composition	4
ENG 112	English Composition	4
BIO 106	Human Biology	4
BUS 155	Interpersonal Communications	
or COM 111	Public Speaking	3-4
Humanities Group I		3
Group I	Elective	3-4
CREDITS		24-26

FALL

COURSE	TITLE	CREDITS
HPD 110	BLS for Health Care Providers (or equivalent) (0.2)	
HAH 120	Infection Control	2
HDA 101	Introduction to Dentistry	2
HDA 102	Introduction to Dentistry Lab	1
HDA 120	Dental Anatomy	3
HDA 150	Dental Office Management	2
HDA 160	Dental Emergencies	1
HDA 242	Dental Radiography (Lecture)	2
HDA 243	Dental Radiography Lab (Lab)	1.5
BUS 155	Interpersonal Communications	
or COM 111	Public Speaking	3-4
CREDITS		17.5-18.5

YEAR 2

SPRING

HPD 110	BLS for Health Care Providers (or equivalent) (0.2)	
HAH 120	Infection Control	2
HDA 101	Introduction to Dentistry	2
HDA 102	Introduction to Dentistry Lab	1
HDA 120	Dental Anatomy	3
HDA 150	Dental Office Management	2
HDA 160	Dental Emergencies	1
HDA 242	Dental Radiography (Lecture)	2
HDA 243	Dental Radiography Lab	1.5
CREDITS		14.5

SUMMER

HDA 112	Dental Materials (Lecture)	2
HDA 113	Dental Materials Lab	1
HDA 140	Oral Pathology/Pharmacology	2
HDA 170	Preventive Dentistry	2
HDA 240	Chairside Procedures (Lecture)	5
HDA 241	Chairside Procedures Lab	2
HDA 282	CDA/RDA Written Exam Prep	2
HDA 286	RDA Clinical Exam Prep	1
CREDITS		17

FALL

HDA 112	Dental Materials (Lecture)	2
HDA 113	Dental Materials Lab	1
HDA 140	Oral Pathology/Pharmacology	2
HDA 170	Preventive Dentistry	2
HDA 240	Chairside Procedures (Lecture)	5
HDA 241	Chairside Procedures Lab	2
HDA 282	CDA/RDA Written Exam Prep	2
HDA 286	RDA Clinical Exam Prep	1
CREDITS		17

SPRING

HDA 290	Dental Assistant Internship	6
CREDITS		6

TOTAL CREDITS		40.5-41.5
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SEMESTER 1

SUMMER

HDA 290	Dental Assistant Internship	6
CREDITS		6

SPRING

COURSE	TITLE	CREDITS
HDA 240	Chairside Procedures (Lecture)	5
HDA 241	Chairside Procedures Lab	2
HDA 282	CDA/RDA Written Exam Prep	2
HDA 286	RDA Clinical Exam Prep	1
CDA Credit		31.5

TOTAL CREDITS		41.5
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An overall GPA of 2.0 must be maintained throughout the program. A 2.0 grade or higher is required in all HDA and HAH classes.



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