

In as little as four months—or take longer if you wish—you can be ready to start making money as a Dental Assistant. You get everything you need to know in easy-to-understand lessons that take you step by step, starting with the basics. Here's a preview of what you will learn.

INSTRUCTION PACK I

Welcome to the World of Dentistry

Jump into your new career with this overview of the exciting opportunities for dental assistants and a day in the life of a dentist's office.

The Role of the Dental Assistant

Here you'll discover your role in a dentist's office and learn about the duties and responsibilities you'll fulfill as a dental assistant.

Preventive Dentistry and Nutrition

Preventive medicine is the best medicine. Discover how fluoride and sealants protect teeth. Teach patients how to protect themselves with good eating habits and correct brushing and flossing techniques.

Welcoming the Dental Patient

Here you'll learn how to greet the patient and gather information to create the patient record. You'll also learn how to check a patient's vital signs.

Dental Equipment

Master the dental assistant's tools of the trade, such as the dental unit, amalgamator and air-water syringe.

Dental Instruments

Bone chisels. Burs. Suction equipment. You'll be glad you're not on the receiving end of the hand and rotary instruments described in this lesson!

Dental Materials

This lesson examines the dental materials used for impressions, poured models, restorations and more!

The Dental Examination

Take a behind-the-scenes look at the dental examination. Organize operating zones with the clock concept and properly position the patient, dentist and yourself.

Also Included in Pack I:

- You Can Do It! CD
- Virtual Lab CD 1, including the *Virtual Flashcard Tutorial*
- Procedure Guide 1
- *Nutrition and Wellness Basics* Supplement
- HIPAA Basics Supplement: *Understanding the Federal Regulations*
- *Computers Buyer's and User's Guide*
- *Ergonomics: Creating a Healthy Home and Work Environment*
- *Dental Equipment, Instruments and Materials Guide 1*
- Dental Disclosing Tablets
- Toothbrush Timer
- USCI Stickie Notes and Flash Pen

INSTRUCTION PACK II

Front Office Procedures

This lesson shows you how to handle common office responsibilities—from receiving patients and scheduling appointments to maintaining medical records and protecting patient confidentiality.

Disease Transmission

Fight infection with this primer on how to prevent disease transmission in the dental office. Review the CDC and OSHA rules and regulations that help regulate infection control.

Safety in the Dental Office

Learn how to maintain an aseptic dental environment with this guide on using protective equipment, sanitizing surfaces, sterilizing instruments and more!

Introduction to Oral Anatomy

Keep building your foundation with this exploration of the major muscles, blood supply, lymph nodes and nerve supply of the head and neck.

Dental Anatomy and Terminology

Say ah! This lesson dives into the oral cavity and examines the anatomy, terminology, and types of teeth, arches and soft tissues.



Charting and Classification

Complete the dental examination with this tutorial on documenting dental conditions. Learn how to record treatment information and develop treatment plans.

Chairside Assisting

Welcome to the operatory area! Discover how to prepare for a procedure and work alongside the dentist, as well as educate your patients both before and after their operations.

Dental Pain Management

Alleviate your patients' pain with topical, local and general anesthetics. Learn about dental pharmacology and procedures dental assistants can perform to deliver pain medications.

Also Included in Pack II:

- Virtual Lab CD 2, including the *Virtual Flashcard Tutorial*
- Procedure Guide 2, including Pack 2 Flashcard Terms
- Professional Development Supplement Part 1 - *Creating a Professional Image*
- *Develop a Professional Medical Phone Personality* Supplement
- Mouth Mirror
- Large Display Thermometer

INSTRUCTION PACK III

Pediatric Dentistry

Here you'll learn about stages of childhood, needs of disabled patients, and common pediatric procedures so you'll be able to assist the dentist with kids.

Orthodontics

This lesson will set you straight on orthodontics. Learn the causes and treatments for malocclusions and other orthodontic problems, as well as the procedures involving dental assistants.

Oral Pathology

This lesson covers diseases and disorders of the mouth, including inflammation, lesions, tooth decay and teeth grinding. Also learn how certain diseases—like cancer and HIV/AIDS—and their treatments can affect the mouth.

Medical Emergencies

Be prepared with this lesson on how to assess and respond to medical emergencies like airway obstructions, allergic reactions, diabetic shock and more.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Here you'll learn how to prepare patients for surgery, obtain consent, and set up the operatory area for oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Also Included in Pack III:

- Virtual Lab CD 3, including the *Virtual Flashcard Tutorial*
- Procedure Guide 3, including Pack 3 Flashcard Terms
- *Dental Equipment, Instruments and Materials Guide 2*
- Professional Development Supplement Part 2 - *Managing Stress, Time and Money*
- USCI Travel Toothbrush with Holder
- Mini Dental Floss Keychain

INSTRUCTION PACK IV

Dental Insurance

This lesson provides you with hands-on practice completing insurance claims. Determine patient eligibility and benefits for various dental insurance plans.

Radiology Part I

In this lesson, you'll learn about the properties of x-rays and radiation safety equipment and the dental assistant's role in keeping the patient and herself safe.

Radiology Part II

Discover how to create, process, mount and examine dental x-rays using both traditional and digital methods.

Impressions

First impressions are doubly important for dental assistants, who are often responsible for mixing, preparing and taking impressions—or molds—of patients' teeth. This lesson teaches you how.

Restorative Dental Procedures

Here you'll learn how to prepare composite resins, cavity liners and cementation materials, as well as assist in various restorative dental procedures.

Also Included in Pack IV:

- Virtual Lab CD 4, including the *Virtual Flashcard Tutorial*
- Procedure Guide 4, including Pack 4 Flashcard Terms
- Professional Development Supplement Part 3 - *Career Advancement*
- USCI Toothpaste Squeeze-it
- Snap-on Toothbrush Sanitizer

INSTRUCTION PACK V

Prosthodontics

Discover how to prepare and deliver crowns, bridges and other cast restorations; make and seat temporary crowns; place and remove gingival retraction cords; and more!

Periodontics

Learn to identify the types of diseases that affect the bone and soft tissue of the mouth. This lesson also explains how to assist the dentist on periodontal procedures.

Endodontics

Get to the root of root canals with this overview of the diagnoses and treatments of diseased dental pulp.

The Dental Assistant's Guide to Law and Ethics

Explore ethical guidelines that will help you gain the reputation of an honest and trustworthy dental professional. You'll glimpse some situations you might face that will require you to make judgment calls.

Comprehensive Practicum

Put your skills to work in this real-world practicum that mirrors the Registered Dental Assistant exam. Show off what you've learned about dental science, clinical procedures, office skills and radiography!

Also Included in Pack V:

- Virtual Lab CD 5, including the *Virtual Flashcard Tutorial*
- Procedure Guide 5, including Pack 5 Flashcard Terms
- *Dental Assistant Career Starter Kit*
- Anatomy of the Teeth Chart

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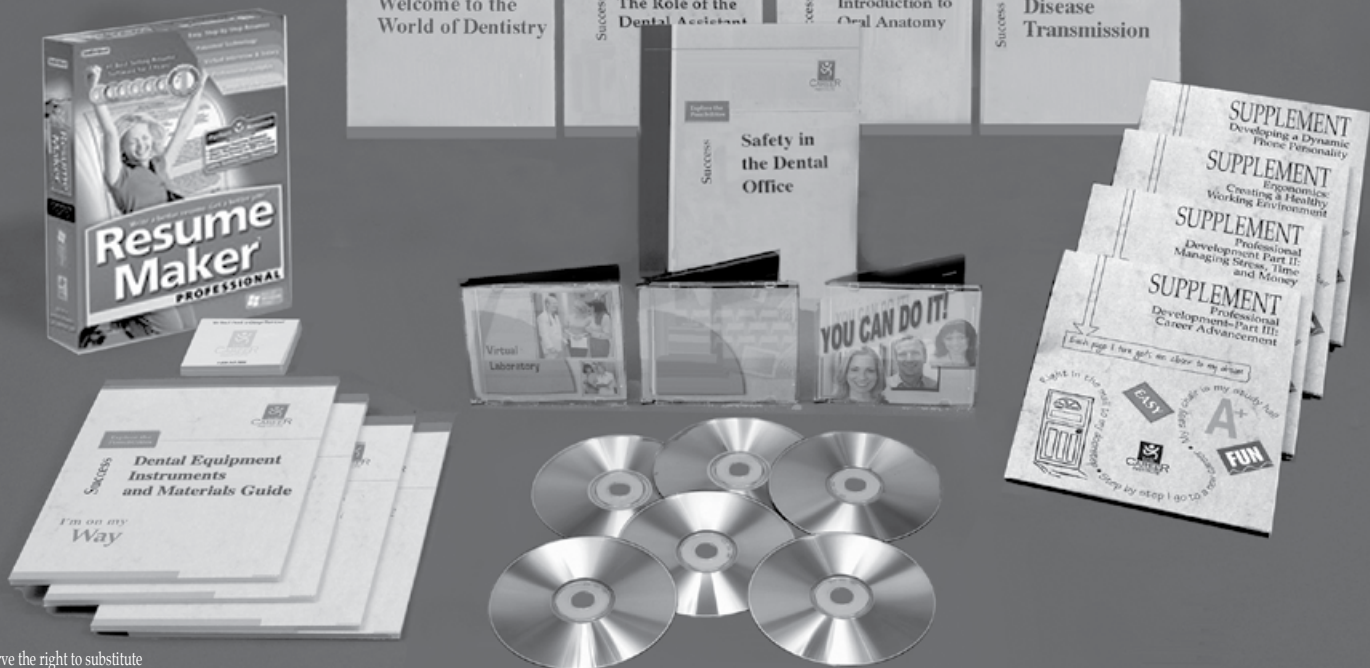


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