



## University of New Mexico-Taos Certificate in Dental Assisting

The Dental Assisting Certificate Program is a one and a half-year, full-time program. The program is open to 12-15 students per cohort cycle. Required courses are conducted in the fall, spring and summer terms. Students must meet the regular UNM-Taos admissions criteria and must adhere to all UNM-Taos academic policies.

Students are selected for the Dental Assistant Program based on personal interview, application, and high school or previous college records. The Certificate in Dental Assisting will prepare students to be part of the dental care team and with the skills necessary to prepare the patient for treatment, sterilizing instruments, passing instruments during the procedure, holding suction devices, exposing dental radiographs, taking impressions, fabricating provisional crowns, etc. Through strong education preparation, the Dental Assistant may assume responsibilities that are within his/her abilities and are recognized by the state practice act. **UNM-Taos reserves the right to make necessary changes as needed.** *Students should consult with an advisor prior to enrollment.*

| <b>Required Courses</b>   | <b>37 credit hours</b> |
|---|------------------------|
| Health Career Dental Assisting (HCDA) 101 Introduction to Dental Assisting  |                        |
| Health Career Dental Assisting (HCDA) 110 Dental Ethics and Professionalism |                        |
| Health Career Dental Assisting (HCDA) 120 Pre-Clinical Dental Assisting I   |                        |
| Health Career Dental Assisting (HCDA) 125 Pre-Clinical Dental Assisting II  |                        |
| Health Career Dental Assisting (HCDA) 130 Dental Radiology                  |                        |
| Health Career Dental Assisting (HCDA) 135 UNM Clinical Dental Assisting     |                        |
| Health Career Dental Assisting (HCDA) 140 Dental Education                  |                        |
| Health Career Dental Assisting (HCDA) 145 Clinical Dental Assisting I       |                        |
| Health Career Dental Assisting (HCDA) 155 Clinical Dental Assisting II      |                        |
| Health Career Dental Assisting (HCDA) 164 Seminar in Dental Assisting       |                        |
| Health Career Dental Assisting (HCDA) 230 Dental Radiology                  |                        |
| Health Career Dental Assisting (HCDA) 235 DANB Preparation                  |                        |

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED 37**

**\*In addition to tuition costs, there is an additional \$1,000 Program Fee associated with this program.**