

What You Can Do With A Major In ...

Dental Assisting

College of San Mateo
 Career Services Center
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Career Opportunities:

The Dental Assisting program at CSM is designed to give students the finest training and experience. Through the expertise of a talented faculty and exposure to dental care professionals, a student is trained to prepare patients for treatment, assist the dentist working with patients, process x-rays, manage the office, and handle appointments and billing with computer applications. Graduates of CSM's program are eligible to take the National Certification Examination to become a Certified Dental Assistant and the California Registration Examination to become a Registered Dental Assistant.

Typical Job Titles: Dental Assistant, Dental Laboratory Technician

Places of Employment: Private Dental Offices, Armed Services, Community Health Centers

Salary Information: Dental Assisting

Annual Wages for 2013	Low (25th percentile)	Median (50th percentile)	High (75th percentile)
California	\$28,937	\$36,021	\$44,718
San Francisco Bay Area	\$38,239	\$50,282	\$56,787

Source: EDD/LMID Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2013 Wages do not reflect self-employment.

The San Francisco Bay Area includes Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties.

Estimated Employment and Projected Growth Dental Assistants					
Geographic Area (Estimated Year-Projected Year)	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Additional Openings Due to Net Replacements
California (2010-2020)	43,700	49,000	5,300	12.1	9,200
San Francisco Bay Area (2010-2020)	2,570	2,890	320	12.5	540

Source: EDD/LMID Projections of Employment by Occupation

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Students should meet with a CSM Counselor once a semester to update their Student Education Plan (SEP) and to ensure that they are on track to meet educational goals in a timely manner. For further Career counseling assistance in the selection of a major, contact the academic Counseling Department at 650-574-6400, or come in person to Building 10, 3rd Floor, Room 340.