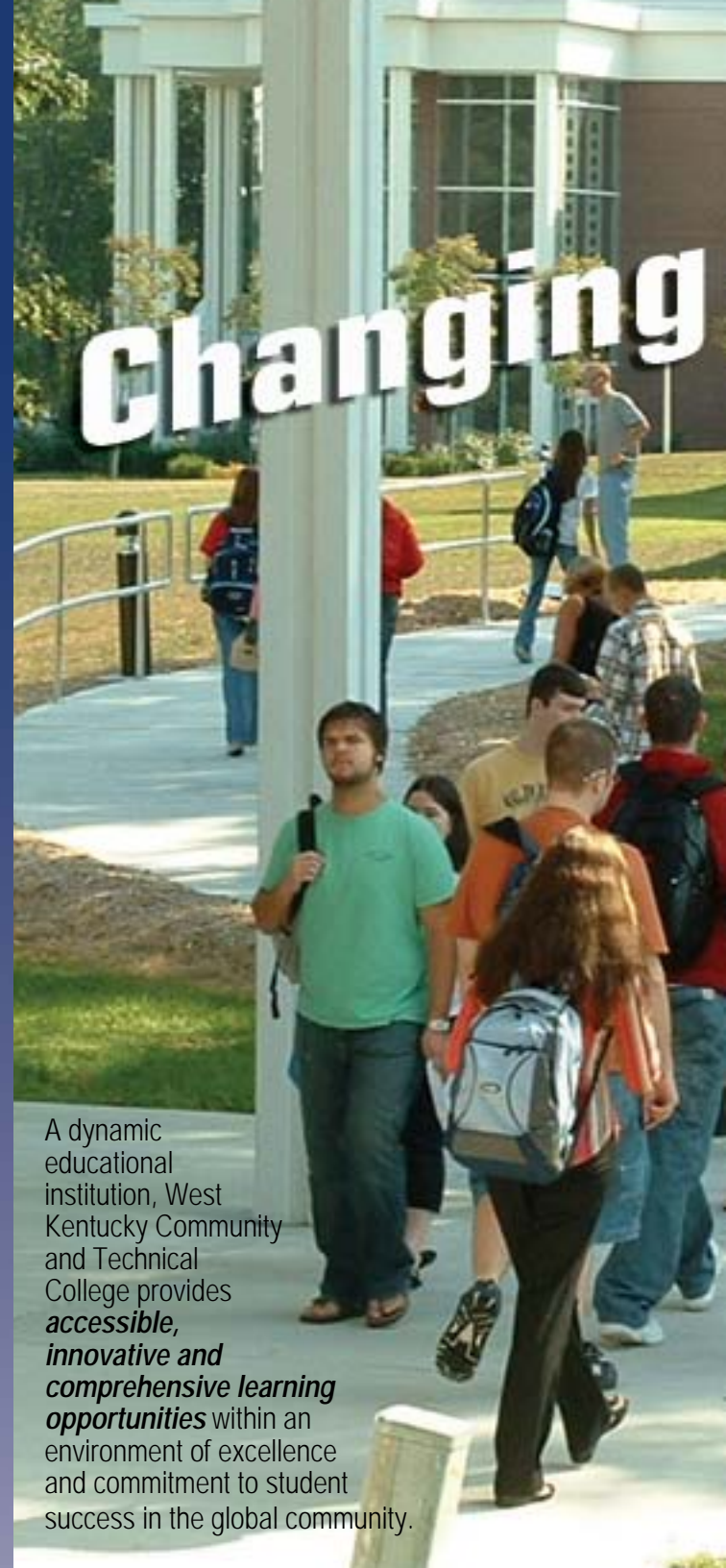




# WEST KENTUCKY COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE



## Dental Assisting/ Dental Hygiene Program

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# Careers in Dental Assisting/ Dental Hygiene

## DENTAL ASSISTING

The Dental Assisting Program prepares the student to function effectively as an integral member of the dental health team and to perform chair side assisting and related office and laboratory procedures under the direction and supervision of a dentist.



The Dental Assisting curriculum includes content areas in general studies, biomedical sciences, dental sciences, clinical sciences, radiography, and clinical experiences.

Upon completion of the program, Dental Assisting students will be awarded a diploma from West Kentucky Community and Technical College and will be eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board Examination leading to national certification as a Certified Dental Assistant.

## DENTAL HYGIENE

The Dental Hygiene Program prepares the student to function as a dental hygienist on a dental health team under the supervision of a dentist.



The Dental Hygiene curriculum includes content areas in general studies, biomedical sciences, dental sciences, clinical sciences, radiography, periodontology, and dental clinical experience.

Upon completion of the program, Dental Hygiene students will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science degree from Henderson Community College and will be eligible to take the Dental Hygiene National Board Examination and state/regional board examinations leading to licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist.

## Integrated Dental Assisting/ Dental Hygiene Program

The Integrated Dental Assisting/Dental Hygiene Program offers a common core curriculum that leads to career tracks in either dental assisting or dental hygiene. The program provides comprehensive educational experience through lectures, laboratory and clinical experiences, and related study in order to apply scientific knowledge in the performance of dental assisting and dental hygiene procedures.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, a specialized accrediting body of the American Dental Association.

## Financial Aid

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System participates in a full range of federal and state financial aid programs that include grants, loans, work studys and scholarships.

For information on Dental Assisting, contact the Financial Aid Office at West Kentucky Community and Technical College at (270) 534-3248 or the Scholarship office by calling (270) 534-3408.

For more information on Dental Hygiene, contact the Financial Aid office at Henderson Community College at (800)696-9958.

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For more information about WKCTC and the Dental Assisting/Dental Hygiene program, visit our website at :  
[allied.westkentucky.kctcs.edu/](http://allied.westkentucky.kctcs.edu/)

## Frequently Asked Questions...

**Q. How do I apply for this program?**  
A. Students interested in applying for the Dental Assisting program must apply through West Kentucky Community and Technical College. Students interested in applying for the Dental Hygiene Program must apply through Henderson Community College. For more information, please contact Darlene Daniel, Coordinator, Dental Assisting Program at (270)534-3412 or Kim Dean, Coordinator, Dental Hygiene Program at (270) 831-9708 or visit our website at:

[allied.westkentucky.kctcs.edu.dentasst](http://allied.westkentucky.kctcs.edu.dentasst)

**Q. Where do dental assistants and dental hygienists work?**

A. Dental auxiliaries can work as clinicians, educators, researchers, administrators, sales and marketing managers, and consultants. Clinical dental auxiliaries may work in a variety of health care settings such as private dental offices, schools, public health clinics, hospitals, managed care organizations, institutions, or nursing homes.

**Q. Where can I get more information about the dental auxiliary professions?**

A. American Dental Assistants Association at  
[www.dentalassistant.org](http://www.dentalassistant.org)

American Dental Hygienists Association at  
[www.adha.org](http://www.adha.org)

# Where will YOU go to College?

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