

Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Program



Welcome to the Information Session



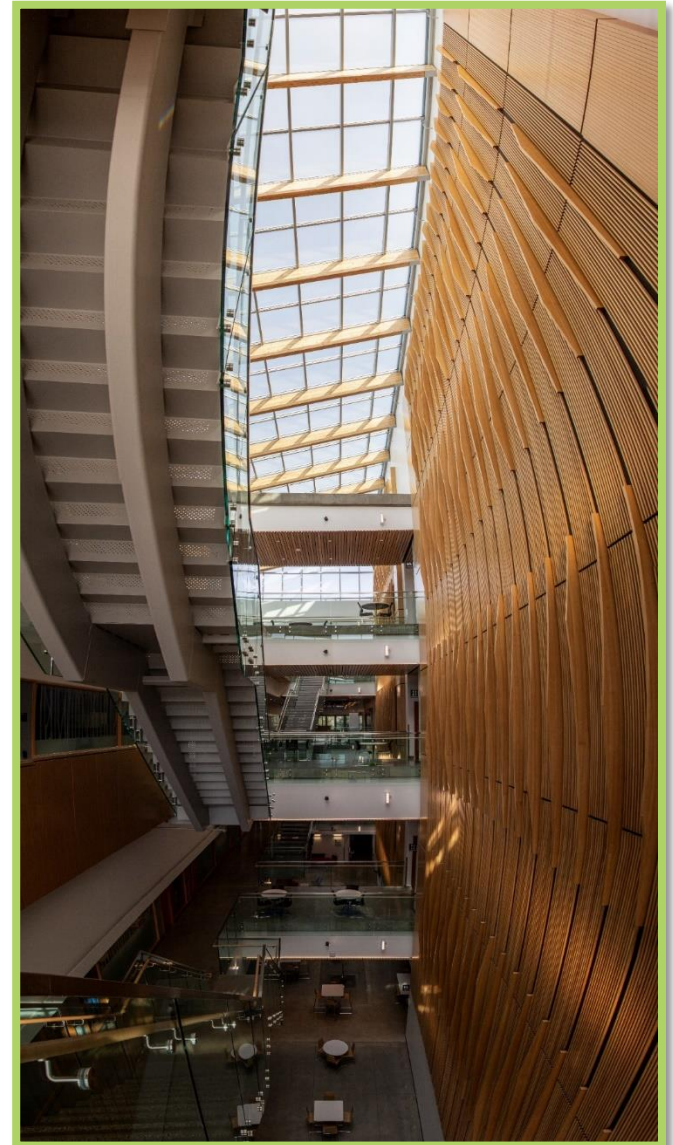


Territorial Acknowledgement

Camosun College respectfully acknowledges that our campuses are situated on the territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən (Songhees and Kosapsum) and WSÁNEĆ peoples. We honour their knowledge and welcome to all students who seek education here.

Camosun College

- Camosun College is B.C.'s largest public college
- 19,000+ students
- 1,200+ faculty and staff
- Programs range from arts and business to tech and trades to university transfer and continuing education
- Credentials include dual credits, certificates, diplomas, degrees, post-degree diplomas



School of Health & Human Services (HHS)

It is a great pleasure to work alongside the faculty, staff and students of HHS who strive to improve the health and wellbeing of people and our communities.

Carly Hall, RN, BSN, MEd
Dean
School of Health and
Human Services

Camosun College offers more than 15 health and human services programs, including degrees, post-degree diplomas, certificates, diplomas and university transfer courses

Chair's Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the certified dental assistant program at Camosun College. It is always wonderful to be able to connect with our prospective students! The following PowerPoint has been developed to assist in answering your questions and to provide information on our excellent program.















I look forward to welcoming you to our program!

Mandy Hayre

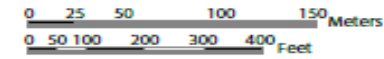
Chair Camosun College Dental Programs



LEGEND

-  Stairs
-  Roads
-  Buildings
-  Fire Lane
-  Parking Lot
-  Green Space
-  Path, Common Area & Sidewalk
-  Lockable Gates / Bollards
-  Designated Smoking Areas
-  Emergency Phone
-  Totem Pole
-  Fountain
-  Emergency Assembly Point
-  Bus Stop

-  Disabled Parking
-  Motorcycle Parking
-  Electric Vehicle Charging
-  Express Bus
-  Carpool Parking
-  Parking Pay Station
-  Elder Parking
-  E-Bike Charging
-  Bike Fix-it Station



BUILDINGS	#	INITIAL
Chemical Storage	1	LCS
Isabel Dawson Building	2	ID
Child Care Centre	3	LCCC
Dental Building	4	DNT
Dunlop House	5	D
Ewing Building	6	E
Visual / Fine Arts Building	7	VSA
Fisher Building	8	F
Wilna Thomas Building	9	WT
Grounds Building	10	GB
Alan Batey Library & Learning Commons	12	LLC
Paul Building	13	P
Portable 'G' (see Ewing Building)	14	PG
Pottery Studio	15	PS
Richmond House	16	RH
Richmond House Garage	17	RHG
Young Building	18	Y
Trolley Shelter	19	TS
Na'Tsa'Maht - The Gathering Place	20	IGPN

DENTAL CLINIC





What is a Certified Dental Assistant?

- Registered & Licensed Health Professional
- A rewarding career with a variety of practice settings such as general or specialty dental offices, office administration, public health, or dental supply sales



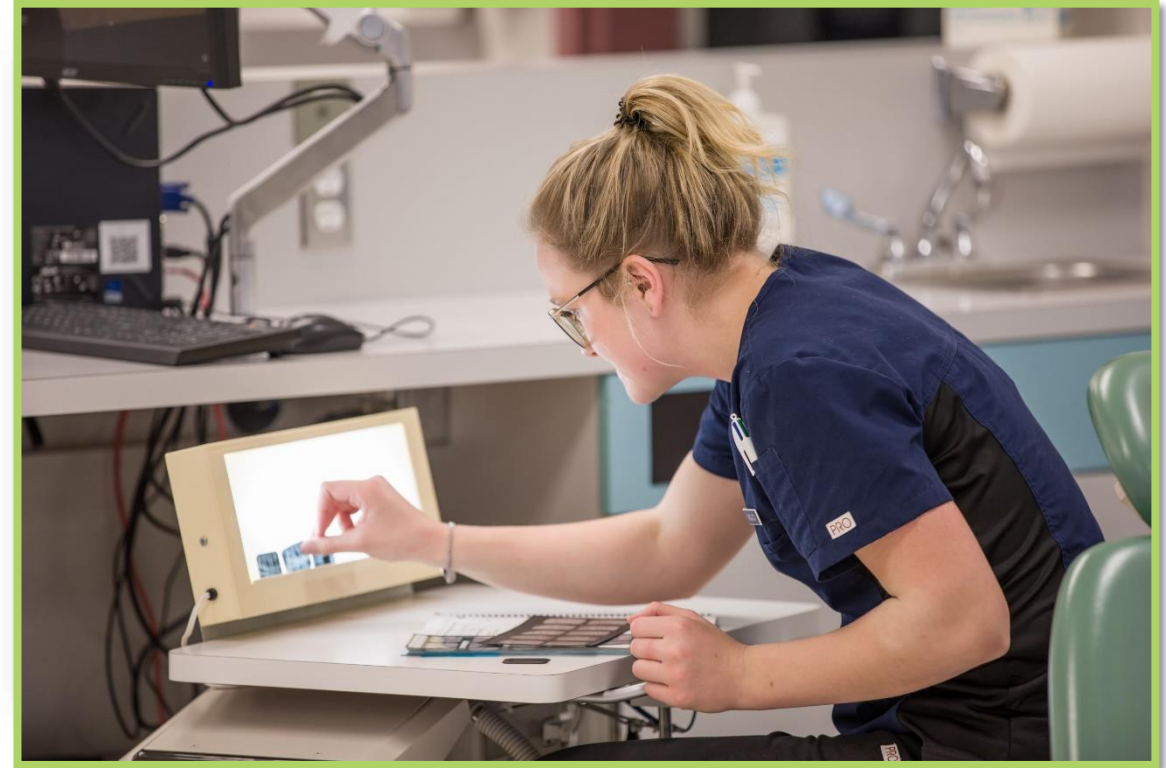
What does a Certified Dental Assistant do?

- Specializes in supporting the dentist and client during dental procedures
- Obtains diagnostic records (x-rays, models)
- Collaborates with other dental team members and health professionals (Dentists, Dental Hygienists , Receptionists, Physicians)
- Educates client on oral health choices
- Provides preventive services to assist the client in maintaining optimal oral health

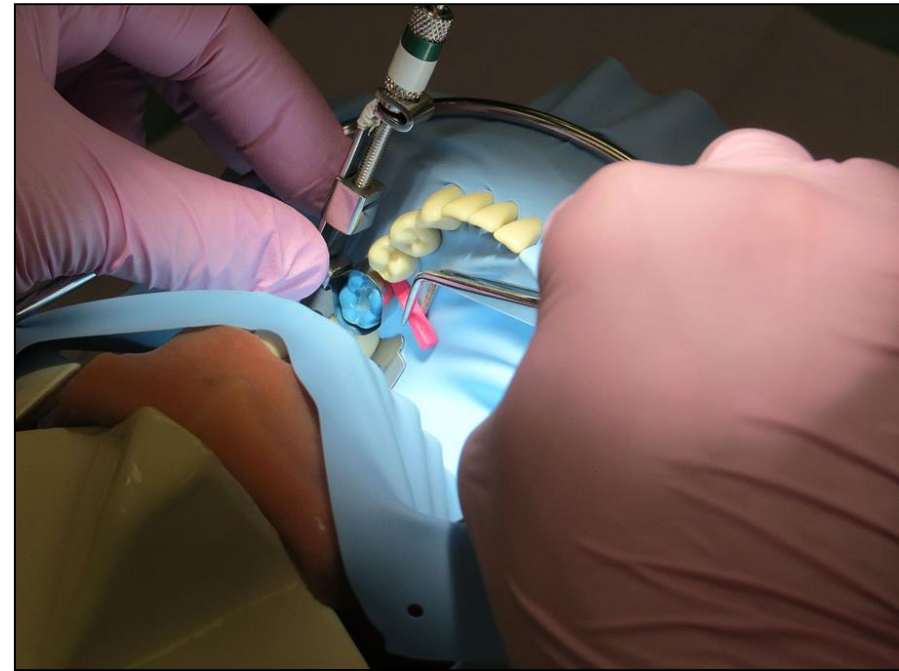
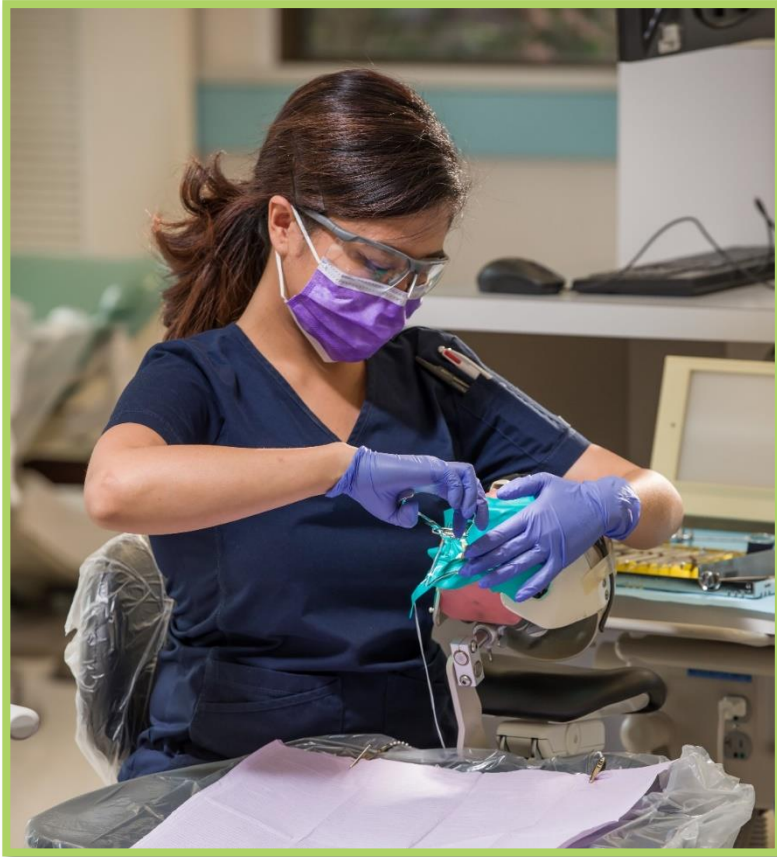
Obtains Dental & Medical Information



Exposes & Processes Radiographs



Prepares Procedures for the Dentist



Prepares Dental Materials



Assists Dentist and Client



Works as a Clinician



Teaches Oral Care



Works as an Oral Health Promoter



Performs Dental Office Administration



CDA Education

- Fully Accredited Program by CDAC (Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada) – the body responsible for accrediting dental education programs in Canada.
- 10 month full-time program Sept – June, Monday - Thursday
- High student success rate on the National Board Exam (NDAEB – National Dental Assisting Examining Board)
- Professional focus; multiple course areas
- Clinical practice is included

Admission Requirements

One of:

- C in English 12
- C in English 12 Camosun Alternative

One of:

- C in Anatomy and Physiology 12
- C in Anatomy and Physiology 12 Camosun Alternative

And all of:

- Grade 12 graduation or equivalent

When you apply you will need to submit proof that you meet the program admission requirements listed above. Where a letter grade is specified, you must have proof of that grade or higher.

For more details, including courses, please see the program outline in the Academic Calendar: [Certified Dental Assistant \(Certificate\)](#)



Minimum Grades

C in *EACH* pre-requisite course

B- in *EACH* CDA Program course

Program Content

Academic Term 1 (16 weeks, Fall)

Academic Term 2 (22 weeks, Winter)

Academic Term 3 (3 weeks, Practicum, Spring)

Review the CDA program pages online:

Program Overview



Courses



Costs

Select Money Matters



Program Learning Outcomes

- Upon successful completion of the Certified Dental Assistant program, the graduate will be able to:
 - **Safely and competently** perform CDA skills.
 - Apply **theoretical knowledge** of dental sciences to dental assisting practice.
 - **Promote oral health** and support clients to make informed choices.
 - **Communicate effectively** with clients, families and team members.
 - Use **critical thinking** processes for problem-solving and decision-making.
 - Use effective **time management and organizational skills**.
 - Support and promote the **effective functioning of the dental team**.
 - Function as a CDA in a **professional** manner.

Program Description

- Develop knowledge, skills & values necessary for a successful career as a CDA
- Perform selective skills, support clients and promote effective oral health practices
- Develop effective strategies
 - team work
 - career development
 - adapting to change
 - continuing education.

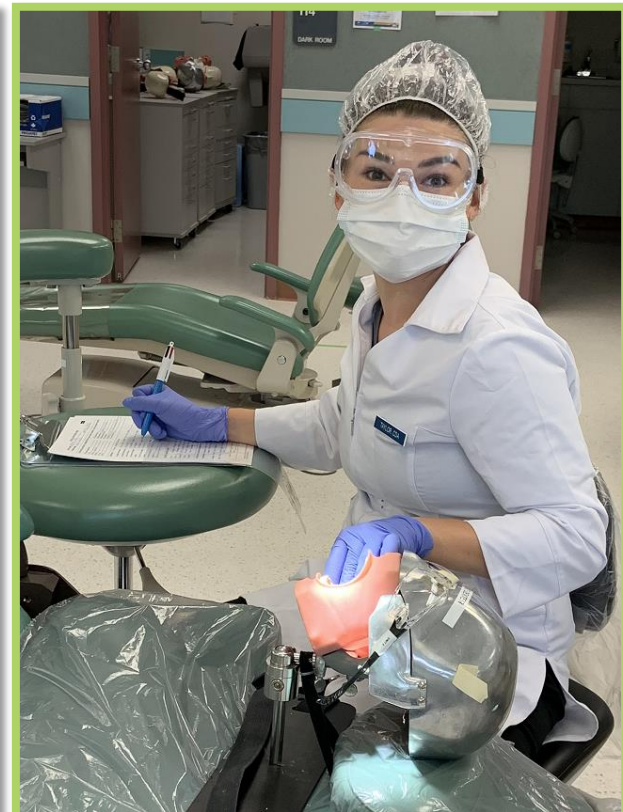
Program Description (cont'd)

- Learn employment qualities:
 - self-awareness
 - competence
 - effective communication
 - professional integrity.
- Prepare for successful completion of the National Dental Assisting Examining Board (NDAEB) exam
- Following graduation, CDA's may choose to pursue further experience and education

Workload

- Fall semester- 6 courses
- Winter semester - 7 courses
- 28 hours of class & clinic per week
- Out of class work: 3 - 4 hours / evening + time on weekends
- Hands on – approximately 60%

Hands on Practice



Instructor Coaching



Instructor Coaching



Practicums

- Fall term - 1 week of observation
- Winter term - 2 weeks of chairside assisting and select CDA skills
- Spring term - 3 weeks of preventive, restorative and all CDA skills
- **Total = 6 weeks**

Employment Opportunities

- Graduates of the Camosun College program are eligible for registration in most other Canadian provinces
- CDA's work in private and community settings
- **CDA's may choose to pursue further experience and education** in order to perform specialized skills, serve clients as dental treatment coordinators, serve as an office manager, practice the dual role of CDA-Receptionist, and serve the community in public dental health settings



Wages

According to the 2018-2019 CDABC Employment Survey Report

- The average hourly wage for CDA's in BC is \$27.17
- As a Certified Dental Assistant, your average annual pay will be approximately **\$52,000 to \$60,000 per year** (Based on a 40 hour work week)
- Almost all graduates are working within the first year according to the post-graduation surveys completed
- Most CDA graduates have jobs prior to finishing the program

What Contributes to Success



- Good academic skills
- Well organized and pro-active learner
- Good communication skills
- Ability to think critically

What Contributes to Success (cont'd)



- Able to follow clinical protocols
- Understanding customer service
- Team player
- Empathetic
- Desire to serve the public

What Contributes to Success (cont'd)



- Manual dexterity (fine motor control)
i.e., art; sewing; needlepoint; woodworking
- Good spatial perception - can visualize
- Good tactile sense

Potential Barriers to Success

- Overly anxious / easily stressed
- Difficulty accepting constructive feedback
- Poor study skills
- Procrastination
- Existing health issues (i.e., back, neck or wrist problems)

Potential Barriers to Success (cont'd)

- Supports not in place for managing home responsibilities such as childcare, housekeeping, part-time jobs
- Difficulty managing a heavy academic workload

Previous Experience Can Be Helpful

- Managing full-time course load
- Working with the public (customer service)
- Knowledge of the dental environment
- Experience in the health field

Previous Experience Can Be Helpful

- Observe / interview practicing Dental Assistants
- Computer Skills
 - Word processing
 - PowerPoint
 - Email
 - Digital photography

Why Camosun?

- CDA Program has been operating for over 40 years
- Combined faculty have 30+ years of experience teaching, & 50+ clinical experience
- Fully accredited by CDAC
- Students do well on National Board Exams
- Faculty involved in the profession (CDABC, NDAEB)
- Up-to-date equipment and latest technologies
- Cutting edge curriculum

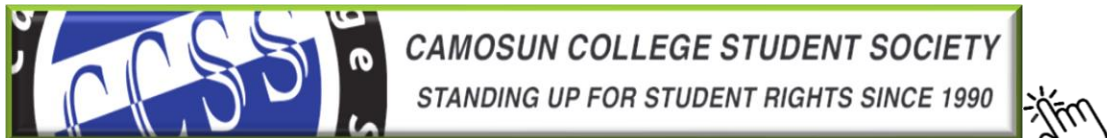
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- High employment rates after graduation
- Modern 24 chair dental clinic, dental operator space for each student
- Dental building has own classroom, lab, lockers
- Extensive hands-on practice for clinical skills
- Digital technology in clinic , radiography and reception
- Faculty are on-site for each clinical session to provide hands-on, independent instruction

Why Camosun?

- September – June Program
- Timetable Monday – Thursday days (rare evenings)
- Opportunities for off-campus learning
- Well supported by the dental community for practicum placements
- Reserved Indigenous & International seats
- Library, bookstore, cafeteria, recreation & childcare services available on campus

Student Services at Camosun





View the School of Health & Human Services (HHS) and CDA Program Handbooks online

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Interested in CDA?

- New application process
- Apply between Sept 15th and May 15th
- After May 15th Camosun will begin to admit students in the order that they were fully qualified from the students that applied during that 8 month period
- This program has a high demand, so apply early to increase chances of admission. Once the class for September is full, the waitlist is dissolved and a new waitlist will begin for the subsequent year
 - If you are not selected for admission, you will need to re-apply the following year
 - <https://camosun.ca/application-deadlines-domestic-students>





Indigenous Limited Priority Admissions

The School of Health & Human Services (HHS) offers Priority Seating for Indigenous students in all Health related programs.

Visit [Eyē? Sqā'lewen - Centre for Indigenous Education & Community Connections \(IECC\)](#) for information on how to apply.

Any questions about the application process, please contact hhsindigenoussupport@camosun.ca

The **Indigenous Limited Priority Admissions** process, approved by the Board of Governors, supported by the Education Council, and approved by the BC Human Rights Tribunal, welcomes applications from all qualified Indigenous applicants.

Indigenous Support Coordinator

Artemis Fire is Red River Métis and grateful to be a visitor on the unsundered territories of the ləkʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. Artemis is passionate about walking with people on their journeys.

As the Health and Human Services Indigenous Support Coordinator, Artemis supports students in various ways, including assisting applicants to confirm their Indigenous identity.

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Things You Should Know If Accepted

- If accepted, registration will advise you of deposit requirements and key college dates
- The program has additional documentation required on or before the first day of classes, including but not-limited to:
 - Follow the process provided by the college to complete a Criminal Record Check (CRC)
 - Complete CPR - Basic Life Support Course that will not expire for the duration of the Program.
 - The course must be taken in Canada
 - The course must have a hands-on component
 - It is recommended not to complete until after June 30th of the year you will be starting the program in September so that it will not expire during your studies
 - Provide personal record of all Immunization and Booster Information.
 - If you do not have access to your immunization records, a report from your physician with titre results for each vaccine-preventable disease will be accepted.
 - Current TB test (in English, within 6 months of the program start date)
- Generally, a package of forms are sent to the in-coming cohort in late August and are required to be received by the program by Orientation Day in September

The CDA Faculty look forward to welcoming you!



Tour of the Facilities



Let's take a tour 

Questions?



Thank you

We look forward to seeing you soon!



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If you have additional questions about the program, please don't hesitate to contact the Program Lead, Melody Weimer: WeimerM@Camosun.ca

