

Dental Careers



- ◆ **Location:** WANIC @ LWTech
- ◆ **High School Credits:** CTE (2.0), Lab Science (1.0)
- ◆ **College Credits:** Earn up to 6 credits
- ◆ **Program fees apply** (financial assistance may be available for qualifying students)

The Dental Careers program opens up a world of exciting professional and college opportunities. In a state of the art dental learning lab, students learn about instruments, dental materials, four-handed dentistry, preventative care, restorative and specialty procedures, patient charting, sterilization, radiography, general and oral anatomy, microbiology, terminology, First Aid/CPR, and infection control. In addition, students have the opportunity to job-shadow at local dental offices and learn job-seeking skills.

Students who successfully complete this program have the experience required to work in a dental office as a sterilization or hygiene assistant. Many students choose to continue their dental education at technical colleges and universities majoring in dental assisting, dental hygiene, or dentistry. Dentistry is an exciting, hands-on, and in-demand profession. Dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants are well compensated and have desirable work hours.

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Occupations and Average Yearly Wages in Washington State*

- ◆ Dental Assistant \$43,680
- ◆ Dental Lab Technician \$43,710
- ◆ Dental Hygienist \$90,690
- ◆ General Dentist \$184,780

Washington State has many excellent schools to further your dental education, including:

Clark College, Eastern Washington University, Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Renton Technical College, Seattle Community College, Shoreline Community College, University of Washington, and many more.

* Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics 2018

WANIC (Washington Network for Innovative Careers) is a regional skill center in Northeast King County. WANIC provides advanced level Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs based on rigorous academic and industry standards preparing students for career and college readiness. WANIC Skill Center programs are delivered through a system of branch campuses in eight participating districts. The skill center programs provide dual credit opportunities (both high school and college credit) and/or lead to industry certifications.

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WANIC Skill Center serves high school students from these School Districts:

- Bellevue ◆ Everett ◆ Issaquah ◆ Lake Washington
- Mercer Island ◆ Northshore ◆ Riverview ◆ Snoqualmie Valley

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