

# TELL-SHOW- DO: THE DENTAL ASSISTANT TRAINING CENTER

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Are you looking for a great job in a field where each day holds the opportunity to learn something new and meet new people? Perhaps you would love to go back to school, but cannot quit your current job. If either of these statements sounds familiar to you, then the Dental Assistant Training Centers, Inc. (DATC)

in Graham may be just what you are looking for.

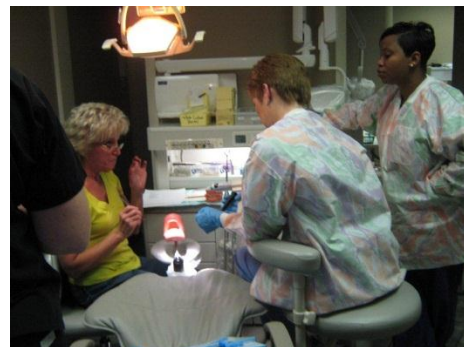
DATC was started in 2010 by longtime Graham dentist, Dr. Karen Barwick DDS, PA to provide an opportunity for people to get a better job while still maintaining their current one. The DATC program is approved and licensed by the NC Board of Community Colleges and each of the DATC faculty members has met state certification requirements. Upon completion, DATC students, now Dental Assistants I (DA I), will have met state requirements for CPR, sterilization and infection control, radiology and dental office emergencies.

The DATC classes are offered on Saturdays (8am to 5pm), with one Friday night CPR/First Aid class. At DATC, students learn through a Tell, Show, Do experience:

- Tell- Weekly Power Point presentation
- Show- clinical demonstration of skills to be learned
- Do- practice of that skill in an operational dental office with instructor guidance until the student has become comfortable with it

In addition to the “Tell, Show, Do” elements on Saturdays, DATC students spend at least 16 hours of shadowing in other dentist offices. Shadowing gives students an opportunity to build skills in a live office and network which enhances job prospects. Dental Assistants newly crowned by DATC have entered the field as front office managers, dental insurance coordinators, appointment managers in addition to working chairside.

And speaking of jobs, DATC curriculum includes resumes writing and interview skill development. On top of that, DATC students have exclusive access to online weekly job listings for area dental offices.



Still not sure about a career in the dental field? Consider this. In a March 2012 report by *Forbes* magazine, Dr. Lawrence Shatkin, an expert in the career field, listed the top 15 jobs for young people today (not that there is an age requirement). At the top of the list are dental assistants. In fact, the field has 16,100 job openings annually, a projected growth rate of 35.7% and an annual median income of \$33, 470 making this a great entry-level position.

The next class starts in July and is beginning to fill. To learn more about DATC and available payment plans, visit [www.datcinc.com](http://www.datcinc.com) or call 336-223-6080. Space is limited, so don't delay in reserving your space.

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