

Career Exploration for Everyone from Your Computer

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Career Exploring and Planning

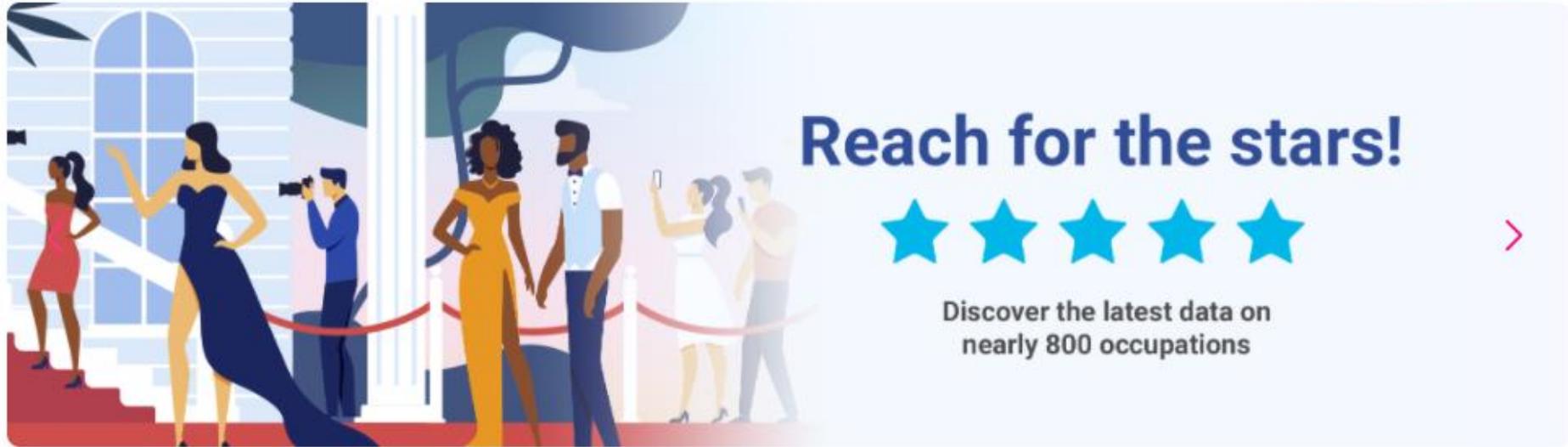
... a series of steps to help clarify and determine short- and long-term career goals.



Why create NCcareers?

- Multiple sources for Career Information
 - Much time spend bouncing between sources
 - Expense
- Alignment of education and occupations
- Capture information for future use
 - For educators
 - For students/job seekers
- Unequal access





Governance Committee



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**Find My
Interests**



**Explore
Occupations**



**Plan My
Career**



**Education &
Training**



Job Search



Sign In

Create a free account

Not required for access!

CFNC

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of North Carolina

The screenshot shows a login form titled "Sign In to Your Account". It features two input fields: "Username" and "Password". Two green arrows point to these fields from the left. Below the fields are two buttons: "Sign In" and "Create Account", both highlighted with green rounded rectangles. A link "Forgot your username or password?" is located below the "Sign In" button.

Your CFNC login will give you access to our full family of resources to plan, apply, pay, and save for college.



Account Creation

- Powered by CFNC
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- Free for all users
- Save
 - Assessment Results
 - Favorite Occupations and more!



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- What are my interests?
- What occupations use my skills?
- What occupations would give me the most satisfaction?
- How much do I need to make?
- Am I ready to be an entrepreneur?



**CAREER CLUSTER
MATCH**



**SKILLS
MATCHER**



**SMALL BUSINESS/ENTREPRENEUR
READINESS SURVEY**



**INTEREST
FINDER**



**WORK VALUES
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Occupations

Search for an occupation from nearly 800 job titles or browse the fastest growing jobs in North Carolina. Filter and sort results by: location, career cluster, star rating (a composite rating of occupations computed by LEAD), salary range, education level, interests and/or abilities.

- Map
- Location
- Career Cluster
- Star Rating
- Salary Range
- Education Level
- Interests
- Abilities

793 matching occupations found

SORT BY		Median Annual Wage	Annual Growth Rate	Avg. Annual Openings
	Statisticians Star Rating: ★★★★★ Education: Master's degree	\$96,290 (\$46.29/hr)	Very Strong Growth 3.1%	Average Opportunity 199
	Information Security Analysts Star Rating: ★★★★★ Education: Bachelor's degree	\$103,470 (\$49.74/hr)	Very Strong Growth 3.1%	Strong Opportunity 438
	Solar Photovoltaic Installers Star Rating: ★★★☆☆ Education: High school diploma or equivalent	\$33,040 (\$15.89/hr)	Very Strong Growth 3.0%	Average Opportunity 95
	Physician Assistants Star Rating: ★★★★★ Education: Master's degree	\$102,180 (\$49.13/hr)	Very Strong Growth 2.9%	Strong Opportunity 498
	Nurse Practitioners Star Rating: ★★★★★ Education: Master's degree	\$101,540 (\$48.82/hr)	Very Strong Growth 2.7%	Strong Opportunity 441
	Genetic Counselors Star Rating: ★★★★☆ Education: Master's degree	\$72,030 (\$34.63/hr)	Very Strong Growth 2.7%	Rare Opportunity 13

Explore Occupations Table

793 Occupations

Occupation Profile Page

- All data in one place
- Links to additional information
- Can mark as a favorite or print
- Can change geography

Paralegals and Legal Assistants ★★★★★

History

Low, Public Safety, Corrections and Security

Annual Salary (Wages)

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Ratings

Wage (5/5) Job Openings (3/5) Job Growth Rate (4/5) Experience Level (5/5)

Common Job Titles

- Certified Paralegal
- Contract Preparer

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Similar Occupations

- Human Resources Assistants
- Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators

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Number of Jobs

Average Annual Job Growth +1.9%
 Job Opening 28

[Job Listings](#)

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Education & Training

Education
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Associated Programs or Majors
[Paralegal Technology](#)

License
[Certified Paralegal](#)

Private Training Programs

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Next Step

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Occupation Code

220211 - Paralegals and Legal Assistants

Pathway

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NCDEI Career Pathways

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- Law and Government

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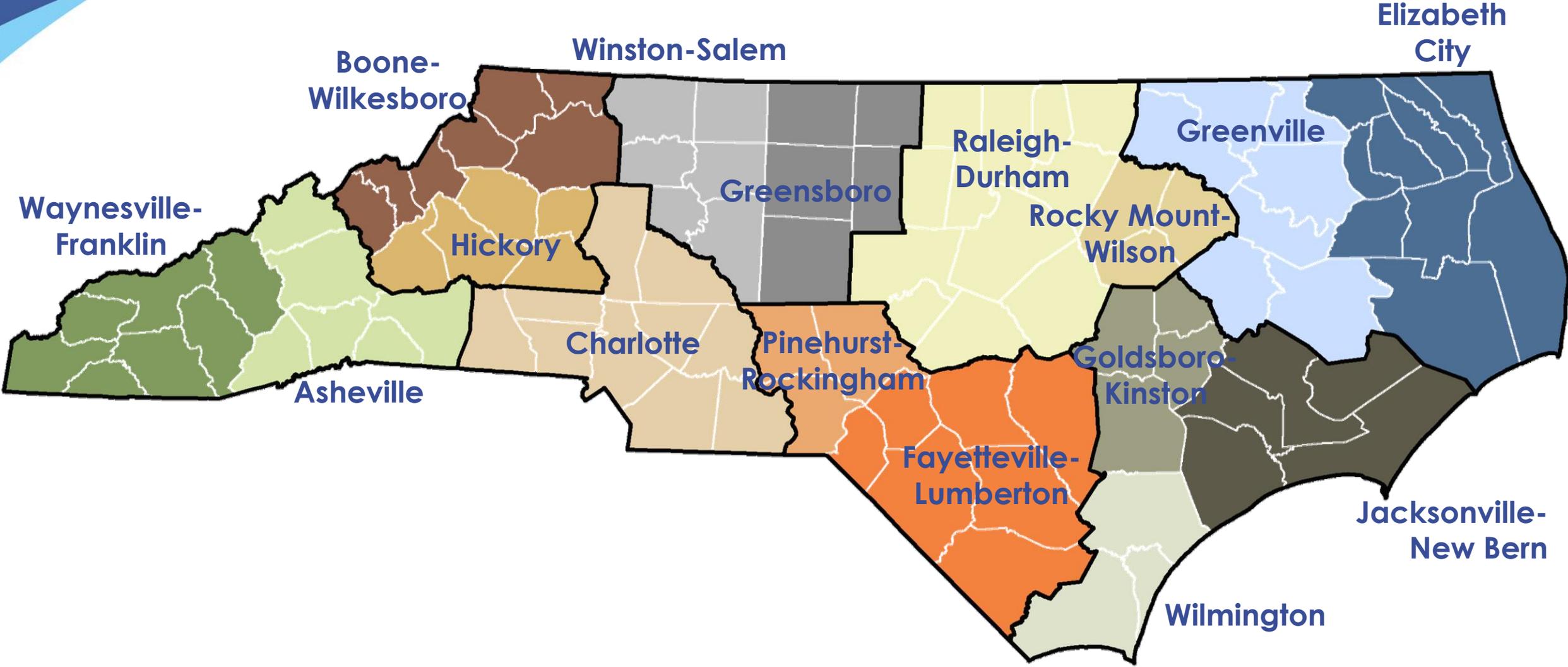
Why is Geography important?

Understand what is going on in your area!

Economies are regional:

- Wages
- Demand
- Growth





Occupation Profile Page

- What are reasonable wage expectations?
- What are the typical duties & working environment?
- Is this a good long term prospect?
- What kind of education are employers looking for?
- Where can I get the education?
- What skills, knowledge & specialties do employers want?
- How can I become one?
- What is a growth opportunity?

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**NEXT
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Identify occupations
that will help to
advance your career



**FIRST
STEP**

What Can I do with My Education?

What occupations did
your education
prepare you for?





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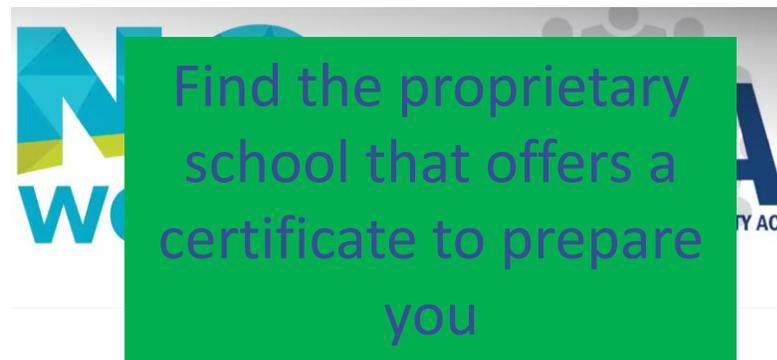
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Find additional training opportunities

Program Locator



Find Private Training





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Job Search



Find current job listings in your area!

NOC works

How can I use this with a client?

Anna

Age: 22

Situation: Anna has been working retail since she graduated from HS. Deciding that retail is not for her, she is interested in learning more about a career in health care, specifically a Dental Hygienist. She has been told that there is a high demand for Dental Hygienists but not much else. She is interested in pursuing a 4-year degree but is concerned about accruing debt. She wonders if she could work while she pursues higher education. How can we use [NCcareers.org](https://www.nccareers.org) to help plan for her future?



“What is she interested in?”



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**Job
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GET STARTED

Uncover which Career Clusters match your combination of work, skill, and academic interests.

Estimated completion time: 10 - 20 minutes.

About Career Cluster Match

The National Career Clusters Framework identifies 16 career clusters and related career pathways that are designed to grow career awareness and exploration. Career Clusters are groups of occupations in the same field of work that require similar skills. Each cluster contains several smaller groups called career Pathways that connect to educational programs, industries, and jobs. While a Career Cluster paints a broad picture of a group of occupations, a Pathway helps you focus on and develop a clear, more informed, educational plan over time.

The Career Cluster Match was adapted and produced with permission from the Career Academic Connections Division of the Oklahoma Department of Career Tech. This survey does not make any claims of statistical reliability and has not been normed. It is intended for use as a guidance tool to generate discussion regarding careers and is valid for that purpose.

Identify favorite Career Clusters



Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources



Architecture & Construction



Arts, A/V Technology & Communications



Business Management & Administration



Education & Training



Finance



Government & Public Administration



Health Science



Hospitality & Tourism



Human Services



Information Technology



Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security



Manufacturing



Marketing



Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics



Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

Cluster Match Results

 **Reflection Survey**

Select a Career Cluster below to learn more about that cluster. Select a pathway to view the occupations in that field, their wages, growth potential, and job requirements.

SCORE	CAREER CLUSTER	CAREER PATHWAY
14	 Health Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Services • Diagnostics Services • Biotechnology Research and Development • Therapeutic Services • Health Informatics
7	 Government and Public Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance • Planning • Regulation • National Security • Public Management and Administration • Revenue and Taxation
7	 Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Development and Services • Counseling and Mental Health Services • Personal Care Services • Consumer Services • Family and Community Services
7	 Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security and Protective Services • Emergency and Fire Management Services • Legal Services • Correction Services • Law Enforcement Services
7	 Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Operations • Logistics Planning and Management Services • Transportation Systems/Infrastructure Planning • Facility and Mobile Equipment Maintenance • Sales and Service
6	 Information Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network Systems • Programming and Software Development • Information Support Services • Web and Digital Communications

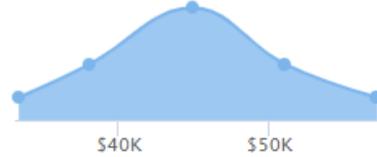
 	Orthotists and Prosthetists Star Rating: ★★★★★ Education: Master's degree	\$66,660 (\$32.05/hr)	 Very Strong Growth 2.1%	 Few Opportunities 29
 	Medical Assistants Star Rating: ★★★★★ Education: Postsecondary nondegree award	\$34,740 (\$16.70/hr)	 Very Strong Growth 2.1%	 Very Strong Opportunity 2,684
 	Dental Hygienists Star Rating: ★★★★★ Education: Associate's degree	\$72,020 (\$34.63/hr)	 Very Strong Growth 1.9%	 Strong Opportunity 650
 	Dental Assistants Star Rating: ★★★★★ Education: Postsecondary nondegree award	\$44,920 (\$21.59/hr)	 Very Strong Growth 1.9%	 Very Strong Opportunity 1,380
 	Athletic Trainers Star Rating: ★★★★★ Education: Bachelor's degree	\$46,350	 Very Strong Growth 1.9%	 Average Opportunity 77
 	Physical Therapist Assistants Star Rating: ★★★★★ Education: Associate's degree	\$61,090 (\$29.37/hr)	 Very Strong Growth 1.9%	 Strong Opportunity 459

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Learn about the Occupation

Dental Assistants ★★★★★
North Carolina

Health Science

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Ratings

Wage (3/5)

Job Openings (5/5)

Job Growth Rate (5/5)

Experience Level (3/5)

Common Job Titles

- Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)
- Certified Registered Dental Assistant

Similar Occupations

- Dental Hygienists
- Physical Therapist Aides
- Veterinary Assistants and Technicians

Occupation Code

319091 - Dental Assistants

Pathway

Therapeutic Services

NCDPI Career Pathways

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Number of Jobs

2019: 9,548 | 2023: 11,535

Job Growth +1.9%

Job Opening 1,380

Education & Training

Education: Most occupations require training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree.

Associated Programs or Majors: Dental Assisting

License: NA

Private Training Programs: Complete Dental Assisting Program, Coronal Polishing for DALLs

Job Listings

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Top Skills & Abilities

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Knowledge/Specialties

Customer and Personal Service

Education and Training

English Language

Medicine and Dentistry

Psychology

Experience

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Training

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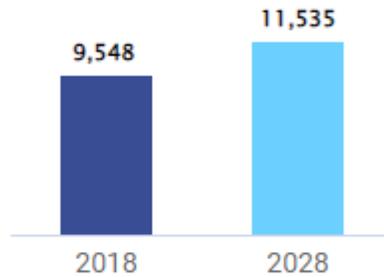
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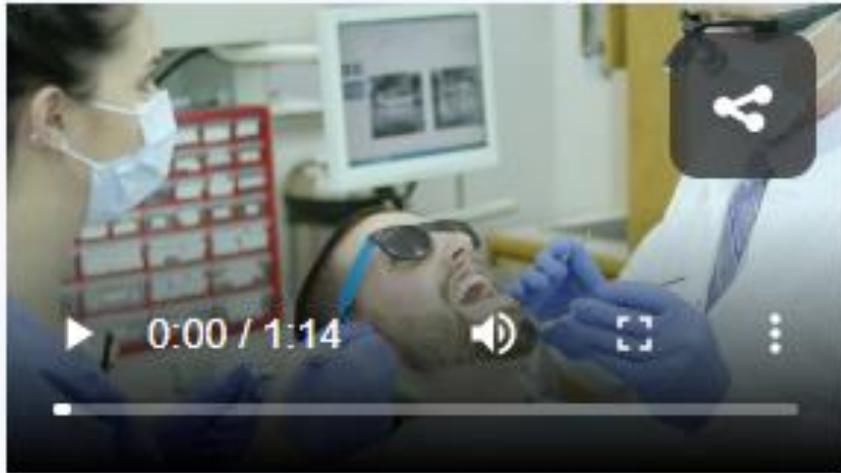
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Number of Jobs



Average Annual Job Growth +1.9%
 Job Opening 1,380

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Common Job Titles

- Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)
- Certified Registered Dental Assistant

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Similar Occupations

- Dental Hygienists
- Physical Therapist Aides
- Veterinary Assistants and

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Occupation Code

319091 - Dental Assistants

Pathway

Therapeutic Services

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Education & Training

Education
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Associated Programs or Majors

Dental Assisting

License

NA

Private Training Programs

Complete Dental Assisting Program

Coronal Polishing for DAI's

Dental Assistant

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Interests

Conventional Realistic Social

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Top Skills & Abilities

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Knowledge/Specialties

Customer and Personal Service
 Education and Training
 English Language
 Medicine and Dentistry
 Psychology

Experience

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Training

Usually one or two years of training involving both on-the-job experience and informal training with experienced workers - an apprenticeship

Where to get training?

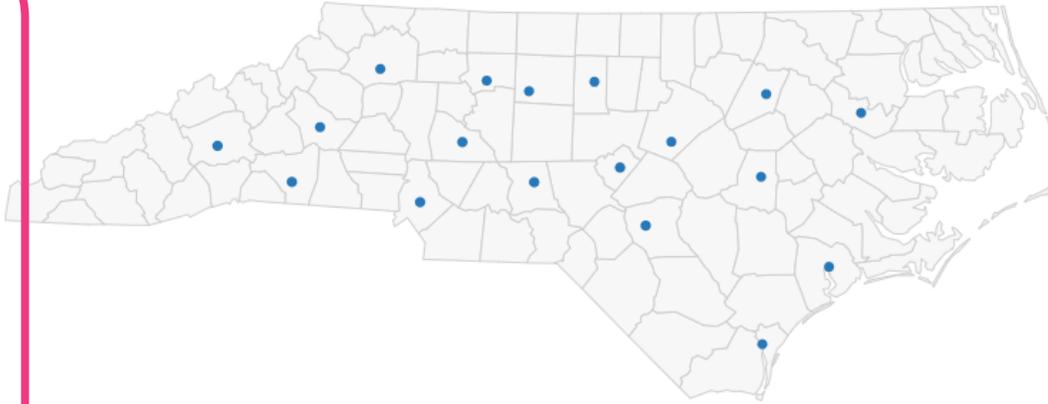


Dental Assisting/Assistant

18 out of 110 Colleges/Universities offer this program/degree

- Public Universities 16
- Independent Colleges/Universities 36
- NC Community College System 58

- Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College
- Cape Fear Community College
- Central Carolina Community College
- Central Piedmont Community College
- Coastal Carolina Community College
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- Isothermal Community College
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For detailed info on the school:



Who is hiring?

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North Carolina



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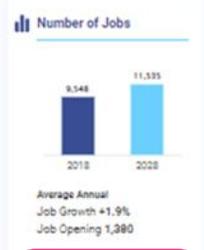
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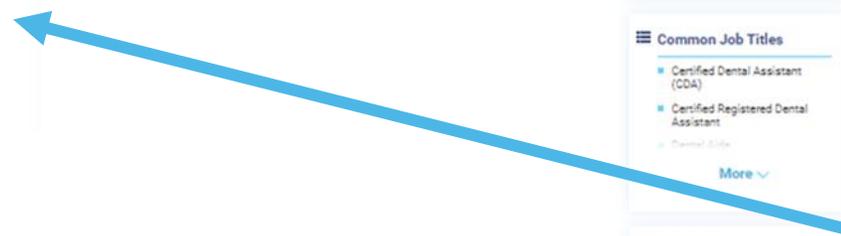
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North Carolina

Annual Salary (Wages)

Lower End Wage (10th Percentile)
\$33,350 (\$16.03/hr)

Middle Wage (50th Percentile)
\$44,920 (\$21.59/hr)

Higher End Wage (90th Percentile)
\$57,190 (\$27.49/hr)

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Annual NC Wage Range

Growth Rate

Very Fast Growing

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Ratings

Wage (2/5) 5

Job Openings (3/5) 4

Job Growth Rate (3/5) 3

Experience Level (1/5) 0

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Star Rating: ★★★★★

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 Median NC Wage

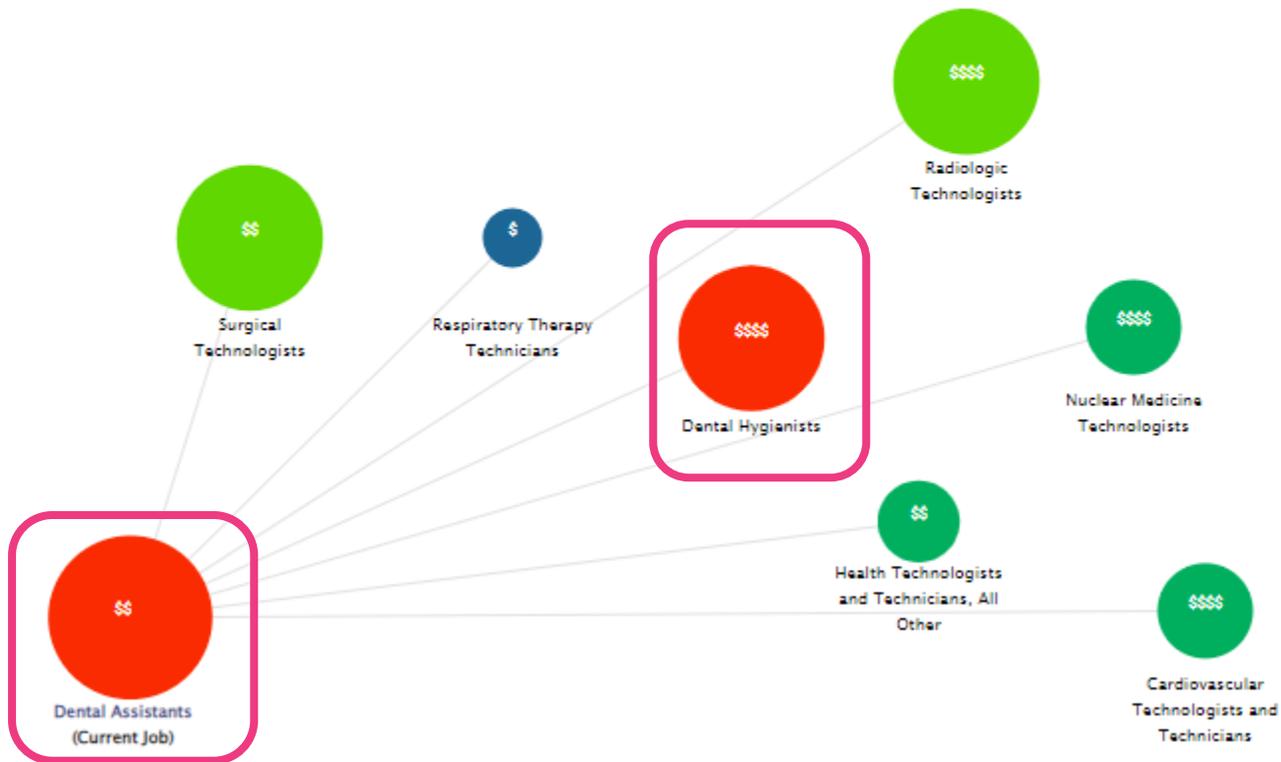
NC JOB PROJECTION

9,548
 Total Jobs in 2017

1,380
 Average Job Openings

+1.9%
 Very Strong Growth

? How to use Next Step



SALARY RANGE

- \$ \$0 - \$34,999
- \$\$ \$35,000 - \$44,999
- \$\$\$ \$45,000 - \$54,999
- \$\$\$\$ \$55,000 - \$74,999
- \$\$\$\$\$ \$75,000+

GROWTH RATE

- None or Negative Growth
- Slow Growth
- Average Growth
- Strong Growth
- Very Strong Growth

JOB OPENINGS

- 1 - 24
- 25 - 74
- 75 - 249
- 250 - 749
- 750+

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Occupation ▶	 Dental Assistants Star Rating: ★★★★★	 Dental Hygienists Star Rating: ★★★★★
Median Annual Wage	\$44,920 (\$21.59/hr)	\$72,020 (\$34.63/hr)
Education	Postsecondary nondegree award	Associate's degree
Experience Needed	--	Same experience level
Knowledge Needed	--	Biology , Psychology , Customer and Personal Service
Skill Needed	--	Science , Learning Strategies , Judgment and Decision Making

Dental Hygienists ★★★★★

North Carolina

Health Science

Annual Salary (Wages)



Lower End Wage (10th Percentile)
 \$54,620 (\$26.26/hr)

Middle Wage (50th Percentile)
 \$72,020 (\$34.63/hr)

Higher End Wage (90th Percentile)
 \$97,010 (\$41.83/hr)

Annual Median Wage
\$72,020

\$54,620 ————— \$97,010
 Annual NC Wage Range

Growth Rate



Very Fast Growing



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Dental hygienists clean teeth, examine patients for signs of oral diseases such as gingivitis, and provide other preventative dental care. They also educate patients on ways to improve and maintain good oral health.

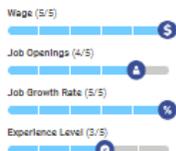
What do they typically do

- ✔ Teach patients oral hygiene techniques, such as how to brush and floss correctly
- ✔ Remove tartar, stains, and plaque from teeth
- ✔ Maintain dental equipment and sharpen and sterilize dental instruments
- ✔ Keep track of patient care and treatment plans
- ✔ Chart conditions of decay and disease for diagnosis and treatment by dentist
- ✔ Take and develop dental x-rays
- ✔ Probe and visually examine gums for sores and signs of disease
- ✔ Apply sealants and fluorides to help protect teeth

Interests

S R C
 Social Realistic Conventional

Ratings



Common Job Titles

- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Hygienist, Mobile
- Dental Nurse

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Similar Occupations

Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians
 Medical Appliance Technicians
 Occupational Therapy Assistants

More ▾

Occupation Code

292021 - Dental Hygienists

Pathway

Therapeutic Services

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Identify the High School Classes that can help start preparing you for a chosen career.

Number of Jobs



Average Annual Job Growth +1.9%
 Job Opening 650

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Education & Training

Education
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Associated Programs or Majors

[Dental Hygiene](#)

License

[Dental Hygiene License by Examination](#)

[Dental Hygiene License by Credentials](#)

[Dental Hygiene Provisional License](#)

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Private Training Programs

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Work Place

Dental hygienists usually work as part of a team in a dentists office. They wear safety glasses, surgical masks, and gloves to protect themselves and patients from infectious diseases. When taking x-rays, they follow strict procedures to protect themselves and patients. They may spend long periods bending over to work on patients. Nationally, more than half of dental hygienists worked part time in 2012. Dentists often hire hygienists to work only a few days a week, so some hygienists work for more than one dentist.

Top Skills & Abilities

Using scientific rules and strategies to solve problems
 Looking for ways to help people
 Talking people into changing their minds or their behavior

More ▾

Knowledge/Specialties

Biology
 Customer and Personal Service
 Education and Training
 English Language
 Medicine and Dentistry
 Psychology
 Sales and Marketing

Experience

Previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is required.

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