

Welcome to the Columbia Basin College Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary program. The following package of materials has been prepared for students interested in applying for program admission.

This packet contains:

Program Application
Application Checklist
Estimated Cost Sheet
Sponsor Dentist Letter of Commitment

Students applying to the program need to complete and return the program application, checklist.

The following are important dates for the entire application process:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event / Stage</u>
July 28	First date for submission of the program application. Please either hand deliver completed applications to the address below or copy/save application & email to healthsciences@columbiabasin.edu .
Sept. 4	Last date for submission of program applications. Late applications will not be considered. (submit no later than 4:00pm)
October	Candidates will be emailed notification of application status: (1) accepted; (2) wait list; or (3) denial. Accepted candidates will receive a letter via email. It will instruct you on how to submit your National Background search and to start uploading documents into your immunization tracker account.
TBD 6 - 9 pm	Mandatory program orientation. This is for all students accepted for the Winter 2026 Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary program. The orientation is part of the acceptance process and attendance is mandatory. Orientation date will be noted on your acceptance letter.

For additional information or assistance related to this application process, please contact the following:

Health Science Center email:
healthsciences@columbiabasin.edu
(509) 544-8300

Hand Deliver Address:
Health Science Center
Columbia Basin College
891 Northgate Drive, 2nd Floor
Richland Campus

**2026 Expanded Functions Dental
Auxiliary - Program Application**
Deadline to submit application: September 4, 2025
no later than 4 pm

Demographic Information	Last Name		First	Middle	Previous Name(s)	
	Address			City	State	Zip
	Phone Number			CBC Student ID Number		
	CBC Student Email Address (required)					

Program-Related Requirements	Are you proficient with computers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	Current & Unencumbered Washington State Registered Dental Assisting license?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	Dental Assisting License #: _____ Expiration Date: _____		
	American Heart Association BLS Provider CPR and First Aid certificate or alternate certification accepted by your sponsoring dentist. **Attach a copy of each card or certificate.	CPR Expiration Date: _____ First Aid Expiration Date: _____	

*** The BLS Provider CPR and First Aid are not a requirement to apply to the program. First Aid and BLS CPR training will be required for those students that are accepted into the program. This will need to be completed before the beginning of Winter quarter 2025. Please attach a copy of your card(s) or certificate(s) if you have already completed these requirements.

I understand that if I am selected for the program, I am required to attend the mandatory orientation in order to confirm my acceptance into the Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary program.

I certify the above information is accurate and complete. I have attached copies of my CPR and First Aid cards or certificates to this application. I understand this application is due by the close of business on the date above.

Applicant Signature

Date

General Applications

- ☐ Completed online college application to CBC Admissions (for new CBC students)
- ☐ Completed Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary Application Checklist
- ☐ Completed Application (page 2) for the Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary Application program
- ☐ Completed Sponsoring Dentist Letter of Commitment - EFDA (last page)
- ☐ Please either deliver your application to the address noted on the first page with required documents. OR you can save it as a PDF & email the application with attached documents to healthsciences@columbiabasin.edu.

Students accepted into the program are required to submit a National Background search using the college-approved vendor. Vaccination history and health documents are uploaded by all students accepted into the program to verify required immunizations. American Heart Association BLS Provider CPR and First Aid certificates or alternate certification recognized by the sponsoring dentist are required by the beginning of Winter quarter 2025 and must be kept current for the duration of the program.

Late applications will not be considered.

I have read all of the criteria and requirements for the Columbia Basin College Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary program and certify the information contained within this application is accurate and complete to the best of my ability.

Applicant Name (Printed)

Applicant Signature

Date

**Minimum Entrance Requirements for the Expanded
Functions Dental Auxiliary Program**

- A. Have completed online college application to CBC Admissions and received a CBC Student ID# and email.
- B. Students must be able to demonstrate a basic understanding of computers.
- C. Students must have a current employer-approved CPR card for the duration of enrollment in the program. Students can check the DANB website for approved CPR training.
- D. Applicants to the EFDA program are eligible through one of three pathways:
 - Pathway One:** Applicants must hold a current and unencumbered dental assistant registration in Washington State and be a graduate from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) approved dental assisting school.
 - Pathway Two:** Applicants must hold a current and unencumbered dental assistant registration in Washington State, have a verifiable 3,500 hours of experience as a dental assistant within a continuous 24 to 48-month period, pass the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Certified Dental Assisting (CDA) examination, and maintain a current CDA.
 - Dental Hygiene Pathway:** Applicants must hold an unencumbered Washington State Limited Dental Hygiene license.
- E. All applicants must submit a sponsor dentist attestation and a copy of their applicable license(s) within the application packet.
- F. After acceptance, students will be required to submit a national criminal history background check, register for a drug screen, and begin to upload immunization documents to the immunization tracker using the college- approved third-party vendor, CastleBranch.
- G. After acceptance, students must comply with all program and college policies.

General Information for Prospective Students

Once a student has been accepted into the program, the following information will be helpful to guide them with other requirements necessary to maintain enrollment.

- A. All students are highly encouraged to have accident/health insurance.
- B. All students are required to have malpractice insurance. This insurance is included in your quarterly tuition and fees.
- C. Student study requirements have been found to be a minimum of three hours per week for each scheduled theory credit hour.
- D. Scholarships and loans are available through the Financial Aid office. For more information, contact Financial Aid and review the Columbia Basin College website (www.columbiabasin.edu/payingforcollege).
- E. All students must successfully complete required courses each quarter with a minimum 2.0 to remain enrolled in the Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary program.
- F. Attendance is vitally important to successfully complete the Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary Assistant program. Students must adhere to the attendance policy to continue regular enrollment in the program.
- G. All students must utilize their CBC student email account and check email on a daily basis while in the program. This will be the only email utilized by staff and faculty.

Estimated Costs

All fees are estimated and are subject to change. However, the following figures may be used as a general guideline to assist applicants in preparing for the costs associated with enrollment in the Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary program.

1.	Tuition Two Quarter Certificate	\$ 5,600
2.	National Background search and Immunization Tracker	\$175
	Immunizations (costs to acquire vaccination history depending on history available)	\$100 to \$400
3.	Textbooks	\$ 400
4.	Various class supplies two-quarters (notebooks, pens/pencils & materials)	\$50-100
5.	CBC clinical identification badge, present registration at Hawk Central with identification. First one at no charge, there is a replacement fee of \$3.50.	
6.	Required Personal Protection Equipment, Loupes, Instruments, Materials, Typodonts & practice dentition, Burs, and Disposables	\$4,900
7.	NOTE: Air-driven high-speed & low-speed handpieces are required for this course. Handpieces are not provided for this program and are the responsibility of the student to bring with them to labs. In the event you are unable to borrow handpieces by your sponsoring Dentist they can be purchased by an approved CBC dental supplier for an additional fee.	Handpieces start at \$1300 - 1500 each

Students need to confirm actual costs of quarterly tuition and fees using CBC's Paying for College webpage at www.columbiabasin.edu/payingforcollege and click on Tuition & Fees.

For assistance related to this program, contact the CBC Health Science Center office at (509) 544- 8300.

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SPONSORING DENTIST LETTER OF COMMITMENT - EFDA

To CBC Health Sciences Division,

I, _____ a licensed dentist practicing in the state of Washington, with license number _____ hereby attest and affirm my commitment to the clinical supervision and mentorship of _____, an applicant for the Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Program at Columbia Basin College.

Supervision and Grading: I will personally supervise the clinical training of the dental assistant in the EFDA program. I am fully committed to using the rubrics provided by Columbia Basin College to assess, grade, and provide feedback on their clinical performance accurately.

Program Requirements: I will ensure that adequate time is allotted during regular work hours for the dental assistant to complete all the requisite program components and essential hands-on training.

Site Visits and Chart Review: I am amenable to faculty site visits and, if indicated, will allow for a thorough review of patient charts as part of the program's quality assurance measures.

Placement of Amalgam Restorations: I understand the importance of the dental assistant acquiring the necessary skills related to the placement of amalgam restorations. If, for any reason, I am unable to provide an adequate learning environment for this specific skill, I commit to supporting the dental assistant in finding an alternative clinical site. If required, I will also grant the dental assistant necessary time off for external training.

Equipment Loan (Optional): To assist _____ in their training and to reduce personal expenditures, I am [willing/unwilling] to loan a slow-speed air-driven handpiece and motor, as well as a high-speed air-driven handpiece for the duration of their training in the EFDA program.

Full Clinical Agreement Upon Acceptance: Upon the acceptance of _____ into the EFDA program at Columbia Basin College, I understand and agree that a comprehensive clinical agreement will need to be facilitated. This agreement will involve not only myself as the sponsor dentist but also _____, where the dental assistant is employed, and any additional sites where the dental assistant will be performing clinical practice as part of the EFDA program.

The full clinical agreement will detail the terms, roles, and responsibilities of each party involved and will serve as the formal document governing the clinical practice components of the EFDA program.

By providing this letter, I affirm my commitment to fostering a supportive clinical learning environment in the EFDA program. I am fully committed to ensuring that [Full Name of the Dental Assistant] receives the best possible training and mentorship during their time in the program.

Sincerely,

Signature: _____

Full Name of the Dentist:

Practice Name/Address:

Contact Phone Number:

Email Address: