

DENTAL ASSISTING AND HYGIENE PROGRAM GRANTS

Minnesota faces a significant workforce shortage of dental assistants and dental hygienists. Recent data indicate that most dental practices are actively hiring for these positions, with two-thirds of dentists indicating recruitment is “extremely challenging” or “very challenging¹.” Without more allied dental personnel in the workforce, access to care is significantly impacted.

Minnesota's dental assisting and hygiene schools are at maximum capacity, with demand outweighing available openings. Each program faces financial barriers that limit their ability to increase student population. The number of graduates entering the dental workforce will continue to be limited if funding is not available to address program limitations.

The bill appropriates funds in the form of grants for dental assisting and hygiene schools to address challenges inhibiting their ability to increase capacity. Potential uses of grants and loans include, but are not limited to:

- › Infrastructure projects for classroom or clinic space
- › Student scholarships
- › Hiring or retaining faculty/staff
- › Equipment
- › Other program specific needs

SF1325 will help programs increase their capacity and graduate more dental assistants and hygienists into the workforce. The bill has the support of the wider dental community, including the Minnesota Educators of Dental Assisting, Minnesota Dental Hygiene Educators Association, the Dental Hygienists' Association, and the Minnesota Critical Access Dental providers association, among others.

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¹Minnesota Dental Association's November 2023 internal member survey and the American Dental Association's Health Policy Institute Data: Economic Outlook and Emerging Issues in Dentistry, August 2023

Dental Assisting Schools in Minnesota

Central Lakes College

501 W. College Drive
Brainerd, MN 56401
218.855.8225
www.clcmn.edu

Century College

3300 Century Avenue North
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
651.779.5778
www.century.edu

Dakota County Technical College

1300 East 145th Street
Rosemount, MN 55068
651.423.8483
www.dctc.edu

Herzing University

435 Ford Road, Suite 1000
St. Louis Park, MN 55426
612.360.2484
www.herzing.edu

Hennepin Technical College

(Two Campuses)
9000 Brooklyn Blvd.
Brooklyn Park, MN 55445
763.488.2630 (Brooklyn Park Campus)
13100 College View Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55347
952.995.1593 (Eden Prairie Campus)
www.hennepintech.edu

Minneapolis North College

Hibbing Campus
1515 E. 25th Street
Hibbing, MN 55746
218.403.9200
www.minnesotanorth.edu

Minneapolis Community & Technical College

1501 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55403
612.659.6071
www.minneapolis.edu

Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Moorhead

1900 28th Avenue South
Moorhead, MN 56560
218.299.6588
www.minnesota.edu

Minnesota West Community and Technical College

1011 First Street West
Canby, MN 56220
507.223.1346
www.mnwest.edu

Northwest Technical College

905 Grant Avenue, S.E.
Bemidji, MN 56601
218.333.6657
www.ntcmn.edu

Rochester Community & Technical College

851 30th Avenue, S.E.
Rochester, MN 55904
507.280.3149
www.rctc.edu

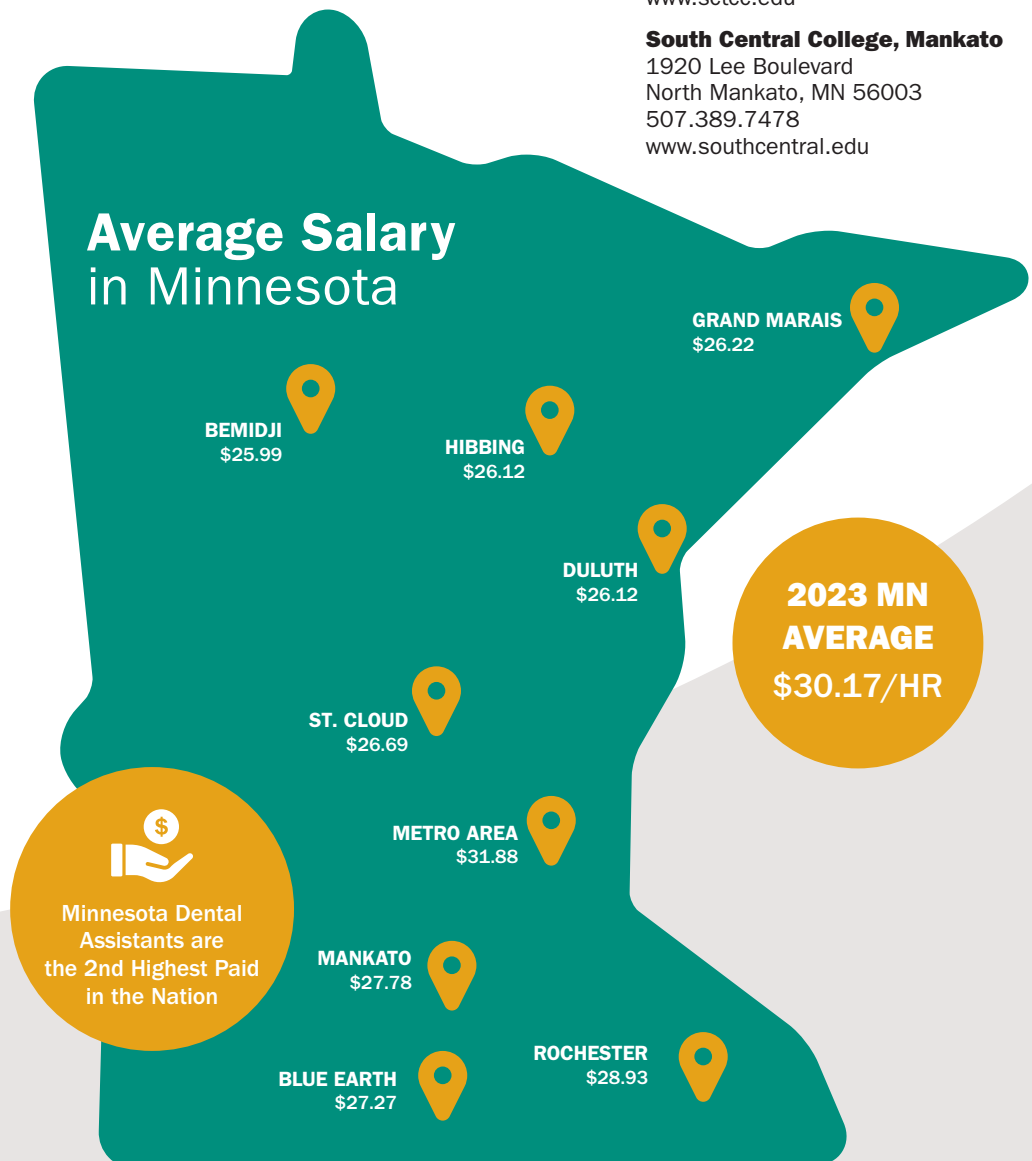
St. Cloud Technical and Community College

1540 Northway Drive
Saint Cloud, MN 56303
320.308.5031
www.sctcc.edu

South Central College, Mankato

1920 Lee Boulevard
North Mankato, MN 56003
507.389.7478
www.southcentral.edu

Average Salary in Minnesota



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2023

Dental Hygiene Schools in Minnesota

Century College
Department of Dental Hygiene
3300 Century Avenue North
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
651.779.3200
www.century.edu

Herzing University
Department of Dental Hygiene
435 Ford Road
St. Louis Park, MN 55426
763.535.3000
www.herzing.edu

Lake Superior College
Dental Hygiene Program
2101 Trinity Road
Duluth, MN 55811
218.733.5988
www.lsc.edu

Minnesota State University, Mankato
Department of Dental Hygiene
3 Morris Hall
PO Box 8400
Mankato, MN 56002
www.mnsu.edu

Metropolitan State University
700 East Seventh Street
St. Paul, MN 55106
651.793.1373
www.metrostate.edu

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Department of Dental Hygiene
1900 28th Avenue South
Moorhead, MN 56560
218.299.6500
www.minnesota.edu

Normandale Community College
Department of Dental Hygiene
9700 France Avenue S.
Bloomington, MN 55431
952.358.8608
www.normandale.edu

Rochester Community and Technical College
Department of Dental Hygiene
851 30th Avenue South East
Rochester, MN 55904
507.280.3114
www.rctc.edu

St. Cloud Technical College
Department of Dental Hygiene
1540 Northway Drive
St. Cloud, MN 56301
320.308.5906
www.sctcc.edu

University of Minnesota
Division of Dental Hygiene
9-426 Moos Tower
515 Delaware Street South East
Minneapolis, MN 55455
612.625.9121
dentistry.umn.edu

Average Pay Rates in Minnesota



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2023