

Three-Career Evidence Comparison - Optional Print Route



NAME _____

DATE _____

PERIOD _____

Use Canvas unless your teacher assigns this print route

The facts are already here so you can spend time comparing, not copying. Pay figures are **May 2024 U.S. medians** and outlook is **projected U.S. growth from 2024-34**.

CAREER	RESPONSIBILITY	COMMON PREPARATION	MEDIAN	GROWTH
Dental Assistant	Prepare patients; assist with procedures, records, or X-rays when qualified	Postsecondary nondegree award is typical; state rules vary	\$47,300	6%
Dental Hygienist	Clean teeth, assess oral health, and teach prevention	Associate degree is typical; programs often take about 3 years; state license	\$94,260	7%
Medical Billing & Coding*	Medical documentation, insurance processes, coding systems, and care-reimbursement procedures	Singley pathway includes Health Informatics and Practicum in Medical Billing	\$50,250*	7%*

Apply the course comparison rule

Course lines: high-wage evidence = above **\$49,500**; high-demand evidence = above **3%**; high-skill evidence = specialized preparation, licensure/credential, or specialized duties. These are classroom comparison labels, not official government designations.

CAREER	HIGH WAGE?	HIGH DEMAND?	HIGH-SKILL EVIDENCE	ONE NUMBER OR PREPARATION FACT THAT SUPPORTS A LABEL
Dental Assistant	Yes / No	Yes / No		
Dental Hygienist	Yes / No	Yes / No		
Medical Billing & Coding*	Yes / No	Yes / No		

Sentence frame: “I classified **_ as _** because the guide shows ____.”

Recommend a route for Jordan

Jordan likes careful recordkeeping and helping people. Jordan prefers preparation shorter than a four-year degree and wants to compare wage and growth evidence.

Word bank: **preparation** • **responsibility** • **median** • **growth** • **evidence** • **trade-off** / **ventaja y límite**

1. Recommend one career and connect it to one of Jordan's needs.

2. State the common preparation and one responsibility.

3. Cite the May 2024 U.S. median and 2024-34 growth figure.

4. Explain one trade-off or one fact Jordan should verify.

Done when

- ☐ I used the same labels and at least two accurate facts.
- ☐ I explained a trade-off or next fact to verify.
- ☐ I did not call a U.S. median “starting pay” or “DFW pay.”

Sources: FYF pp. 84-85 and Irving ISD 2026-27 coursebook. *Pay and growth use the broader BLS Medical Records Specialists national category; checked August 9, 2026.