

**ACADEMIC CERTIFICATE
Dental Assisting**

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FIRST YEAR/SUMMER SEMESTER			
Course #	Course Name	Credits	Notes
ENG-101	English Composition I	3	Must test into ENG-101 or complete all appropriate prerequisites
DAS-141	Biological Science for the Dental Assistant	1	Co-requisite: DAS-143
DAS-143	Infection Control for the Dental Assistant	2	Formal Acceptance into Dental Assisting Program
HPE-181	Basic Life Support "C" AHA	1	
PSY-101	Basic Psychology	3	
FIRST YEAR/FALL SEMESTER			
DAS-111	Fundamentals of Chairside Assisting	7	Prerequisites: DAS-141 and DAS-143
DAS-120	Dental Radiology	4	Prerequisites: DAS-141 and DAS-143
DAS-150	Dental Anatomy for Dental Assisting	2	Prerequisites: DAS-141 and DAS-143
DAS-151	Dental Laboratory Procedures I	2	Prerequisites: DAS-141 and DAS-143
DAS-170	Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office	1	Prerequisites: DAS-141 and DAS-143
FIRST YEAR/SPRING SEMESTER			
DAS-115	Pharmacology	1	Prerequisites: DAS-141 and DAS-170
DAS-125	Preventive Dentistry	3	Prerequisites: DAS-141, DAS-143, DAS-150, DAS-151, and DAS-170
DAS-152	Dental Laboratory Procedures II	2	Prerequisite: DAS 151, AND DAS 170
DAS-160	Supervised Clinical Experience	6	Prerequisites: DAS-111, DAS-120, DAS-150, DAS-151, and DAS-170
DAS-180	Office Administration	2	
DAS-190	Oral Pathology	1	Prerequisites: DAS-141 and DAS-170
TOTAL CREDITS		41	

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A dental assistant works at chairside while the dentist examines and treats patients. The dental assistant makes the patient comfortable in the chair, prepares the patient for treatment, obtains dental records, prepares impression and restorative materials, exposes and processes dental radiographs, and hands the dentist the proper instruments and materials. The assistant also sterilizes and disinfects instruments, prepares dental tray setups, and instructs the patient in postoperative and general oral health care.

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Perform the clinical tasks and responsibilities of a registered dental assistant under direct supervision of a dentist.
2. Provide patient education.
3. Apply technology in order to find information, take intraoral photographs, take digital radiographs and manage patient and business records.
4. Integrate and apply basic science, dental science and dental assisting knowledge and skills.
5. Explain and apply basic concepts of dental ethics and jurisprudence.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of the Dental Assisting Certificate program at Camden County College or graduation from a recognized accredited dental assisting (CODA) career program.
- Physical exam, various immunizations, drug screening verification must be current and will be required prior to beginning of class.
- Interview and assessment of credentials with the program coordinator.
- Placement into college-level English and mathematics courses based on the results of the College Placement Test or other approved test.
- Proof of high school diploma.
- Application to the Dental Assisting program.
- Minimum of 2.5 GPA.
- Completion of high school biology or chemistry lab course with a "C" or better (equivalent courses may be taken at CCC).
- Must maintain a grade "C" or better in all dental assisting coursework.
- All credit assessments will be conducted by transcripts.
- Students will perform two full-mouth series on patients to pre-clinical proficiency. Although some patients may be provided by the College, the student may need, identify and schedule patients who have a clinical need for dental radiographic imaging.

NOTICE

Part-time evening alternative ALL courses will be held Monday-Thursday 5:30-8:30pm

Clinical placements are a required part of the curriculum and a requirement for graduation. Clinical placements may require a criminal background check, health clearance and/or drug testing before participation is allowed. Clinical sites may deny a student's participation in the event of a positive finding. Individuals who have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor may be denied certification or licensure as a health professional. Information regarding eligibility may be obtained from the appropriate credentialing body.

Student must have adequate transportation for the clinical placement requirement.

ACCREDITATION

- The Dental Assisting Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.
- The Dental Assisting radiology course is accredited by the New Jersey Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners.

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