

Dental Assisting

Diploma

(Code: MVDNT)

The 11-month Dental Assisting program provides training in the skills and knowledge necessary for successful employment in a modern dental facility. The program is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. Graduates are eligible to write examinations for Certified Dental Assistants, Infection Control, and Dental Radiation Health and Safety.

Six basic areas in the Dental Assisting curriculum are:

- chair side assisting (seating/preparing patients, implementing infection control, preparing instruments/materials, charting, and passing and receiving instruments)
- infection control (universal precautions, OSHA and HazMat standards, office asepsis)
- radiographic techniques (exposing, developing and mounting dental x-rays)
- office management (keeping schedules, receiving patients on the telephone and in person, keeping clinical and financial records, computerized recordkeeping, filing insurance claims, ordering supplies)
- laboratory techniques (preparing dental amalgam and cements, pouring and trimming models)
- patient education (teaching preventive dentistry)

A grade point average of 2.00 or above is required for each program requirement. For successful completion of this program no course failures are allowed.

General Education		Credit Hours
CSC118	Computer Systems and Applications	3
ENG105	Composition I	3
PSY111	Introduction to Psychology	3
SPC112	Public Speaking	3
Total		12
Program Requirements		
DEA103	Orientation to Dental Assisting	2
DEA252	Dental Science	3
DEA263	Dental Science II	2
DEA294	Microbiology & Infection Control	3
DEA312	Dental Radiography I	3
DEA321	Dental Radiography II	2
DEA402	Dental Materials	2.5
DEA428	Laboratory Procedures	2
DEA503	Principles of Dental Assisting	4.5
DEA550	Assisting Clinic I	3
DEA551	Assisting Clinic II	2
DEA552	Assisting Clinic III	3
DEA603	Dental Specialties	2
DEA702	Dental Office Procedures	2
Total		36
Total Required Hours		48

NOTE: Students should be advised that most health care facilities conduct criminal background checks prior to hiring dental assistants.