

CERTIFICATE IN DENTAL ASSISTING

The Dental Assisting Program is a career technical program that prepares students for entry-level employment as a dental assistant. Upon completion, the graduate is prepared and eligible to sit for the California State Registered Dental Assistant Examination and the National Certification Examination to become licensed dental assistants. This program is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Accreditation and the Dental Board of California. Students must maintain a minimum grade of "C" (75%) in all dental courses.

Learning Outcomes

Certificate of Achievement Level Student Learning Outcomes

Students completing the Dental Assisting Certificate of Achievement will:

1. Use correct dental terminology and nomenclature in the correct context in order to effectively communicate dental information and concepts to others.
2. Develop problem-solving and self-assessment skills and make appropriate decisions regarding a variety of procedural situations.
3. Demonstrate the ability to interact with patients and work effectively as a member of the dental team.
4. Maintain the standard of care during dental treatment and promote oral health.
5. Develop the ability to use and adapt to current technology used in dental practices.
6. Demonstrate proficiency in the current duties of an RDA, practicing with the delegated duties (scope of practice).
7. Develop foundational knowledge of dental procedures and the ability to communicate and apply their concepts and principles.

Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required courses:		
DENT 100	Dental Assisting Basics	2.5
DENT 102	Dental Materials	3
DENT 104	Chairside Assisting	4
DENT 121	Human Anatomy for the Dental Professional	2
DENT 122	Infection Control in the Dental Office	1.5
DENT 123	Healthcare for the Dental Patient	2
DENT 125	Dental Practice Management	2
DENT 201	Dental Radiology	2
DENT 202	Advanced Dental Specialties	4
DENT 203	Dental Practice Experience	5.5
DENT 204	Preventative Clinical Procedures	1

Code	Title	Units
DENT 205	RDA/CDA Exam Review	2
Total Units		31.5

Curriculum Map

1-1.5-Year Curriculum Map Examples

These maps represent two possible pathways through the program and are only for reference.

*It is highly recommended that you make an appointment (<https://www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrvcounsel/Pages/ApptSchedule.aspx>) to create a customized education plan that fits your needs.

1-Year Fall Start:

Course	Title	Units
Fall Term 1		
DENT 100	Dental Assisting Basics	2.5
DENT 102	Dental Materials	3
DENT 104	Chairside Assisting	4
DENT 121	Human Anatomy for the Dental Professional	2
DENT 122	Infection Control in the Dental Office	1.5
DENT 124	Dental Specialties	2
DENT 201	Dental Radiology	2
Units		17
Winter Term 1		
DENT 125	Dental Practice Management	2
Units		2
Spring Term 1		
DENT 203	Dental Practice Experience	5.5
DENT 123	Healthcare for the Dental Patient	2
DENT 202	Advanced Dental Specialties	4
DENT 204	Preventative Clinical Procedures	1
Units		12.5
Total Units		31.5

1.5-Year Spring Start:

Note: Co-requisite MATH course (2 units) and/or substitute ENGL 101E (5 units) may be needed based on placement.

Course	Title	Units
Spring Term 1		
DENT 100	Dental Assisting Basics	2.5
DENT 102	Dental Materials	3
DENT 104	Chairside Assisting	4
DENT 201	Dental Radiology	2
DENT 122	Infection Control in the Dental Office	1.5
DENT 124	Dental Specialties	2
Units		15
Summer Term 1		
ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H	Reading and Composition or Reading and Composition - Honors	4
Units		4
Fall Term 2		
DENT 203	Dental Practice Experience	5.5
DENT 125	Dental Practice Management	2
DENT 121	Human Anatomy for the Dental Professional	2
Units		9.5

Course	Title	Units
Winter Term 2		
MATH 165 or MATH 165H	Introductory Statistics or Introductory Statistics - Honors	4
Units		4
Spring Term 2		
DENT 123	Healthcare for the Dental Patient	2
DENT 202	Advanced Dental Specialties	4
DENT 204	Preventative Clinical Procedures	1
Units		7
Total Units		39.5

Career Information

Career Opportunities

There are a variety of careers you can do with this major.

To explore more about this major, schedule an appointment (<https://www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrvc/ctcenter/Pages/ApptSchedule.aspx>) with a career counselor.
