

Dental Assistant

Diploma Program

Contact Hours: 800

Semester Credits: 26

Instructional Weeks – Full Time: 32

Average Time to Complete – Full Time: 9 Months

Program Overview

Dental Assistant duties range from scheduling appointments and receiving patients to assisting chairside, performing laboratory functions, maintaining patient records, and practicing good communication techniques. Dental Assistants must be able to expose and process radiographs; fabricate diagnostic cast models; perform oral evacuation and instrument exchange; instruct patients in proper oral hygiene; assist in the selection, placement and removal of rubber dams, sutures and periodontal packs; prepare fabrication of temporaries; perform removal of temporaries; and function as an entry-level member of the dental health team.

Program Delivery

The Dental Assistant program is delivered in a blended format. Courses will be delivered entirely online, entirely on-ground or with an appropriate blend of both online and on-ground hours in the same course. Of the 800 program hours, a maximum of 400 course hours (50.0%) may be offered online.

Program Objectives

The program provides students with theoretical knowledge and practical skills that prepare them as entry-level chairside or front-office Dental Assistants.

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Externship Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
CPSO1011 *	Career Path Success A	15 (0 / 15)	0	0	0.5
CPSO1012 *	Career Path Success B	15 (0 / 15)	0	0	0.5
CPSO1013 *	Career Path Success C	15 (0 / 15)			0.5
CPSO1014 *	Career Path Success D	15 (0 / 15)			0.5
CPSO1015 *	Career Path Success E	15 (0 / 15)	0	0	0.5
CPSO1016 *	Career Path Success F	15 (0 / 15)			0.5
DNTA1331	Introduction to Dental Assisting and Dental Terminology	40 (10 / 30)	40 (30 / 10)	0	3
DNTA1333	Dental Specialties	40 (10 / 30)	40 (30 / 10)	0	3
DNTA1335	Materials and Procedures	40 (10 / 30)	40 (30 / 10)	0	3
DNTA1337	Patient Care and Management	40 (10 / 30)	40 (30 / 10)	0	3
DNTA1339	Diagnostics and Orthodontics	40 (10 / 30)	40 (30 / 10)	0	3
DNTA1341	Dental Radiology	40 (10 / 30)	40 (30 / 10)	0	3
DNTA1201	Externship I	0	0	115 (80 / 35)	2.5
DNTA1202	Externship II	0	0	115 (80 / 35)	2.5
Subtotal		330 (60/270)	240 (180/60)	230 (160/70)	26

**These courses are offered online.*

This applies to all students starting on or after February 12, 2024

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
DNTA1324	Infection Control	55 (8 / 47)	40 (32 / 8)	0	3.5
DNTA1354	Dental Specialties	55 (8 / 47)	40 (32 / 8)	0	3.5
DNTA1364	Materials & Instruments	55 (8 / 47)	40 (32 / 8)	0	3.5
DNTA1374	Business Operations and Emergencies	55 (8 / 47)	40 (32 / 8)	0	3.5
DNTA1384	Preventive Dentistry	55 (8 / 47)	40 (32 / 8)	0	3.5
DNTA1394	Radiation Safety	55 (8 / 47)	40 (32 / 8)	0	3.5
DNTA1201	Externship I	0	0	115 (80 / 35)	2.5
DNTA1202	Externship II	0	0	115 (80 / 35)	2.5
Subtotal		330 (48/282)	240 (192/48)	230 (160/70)	26