



DENTAL ASSISTING

- Associate of Science in Dental Assisting (AS)
- Certificate of Achievement in Dental Assisting

To provide a background in biodental sciences and practical training in dental office business procedures, chairside assisting, oral x-ray technology, coronal polish, and manipulation of dental materials. Additional Requirements: Completion of one year of high school computer keyboarding or the equivalent prior to completion of the dental assisting program. Completion of an American Heart Association or American Red Cross approved CPR Healthcare Providers course prior to participation in DA 101. Students admitted to the dental assisting program are expected to maintain a 2.0, "C" average in their dental assisting courses. Failure to maintain a 2.0, "C" average in DA courses will result in termination from the program. Students are required to purchase malpractice insurance, personal protection equipment, radiology film holder, and designated clinic attire. Immunization for Hepatitis B is recommended. Radiology courses cannot be taken during pregnancy. Additional Information: 300 hours of supervised clinical training provides the student with an opportunity to refine his/her skills. Graduates of the DA program have both the theory and practical skills to enter the job market and to qualify to sit for the Registered Dental Assistants Examination offered by the Dental Board of California. The coronal polish and oral radiology courses are approved by the Dental Board of California.

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SEMESTER 1

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	ADVISING/ACTION NOTES (including elective suggestions, support services, embedded certificates etc.)
ENGL 1A/1AH	Reading and Composition	4	Visit the Reading and Writing Center
GE REQ	Science	3	Recommend BIOL 5 Human Biology
GE REQ	Physical Education	1	Choose any Physical Education Course
GE REQ	Humanities	3	Discuss with your counselor/advisor options for General Education and Electives
POL SCI 110	American Institutions	3	
	TOTAL UNITS	14	Visit the Career and Tutorial Centers

SEMESTER 2

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	ADVISING/ACTION NOTES (including elective suggestions, support services, embedded certificates etc.)
MATH 45	Contemporary Mathematics	3	Visit the Math Center
GE REQ	Physical Education	1	Choose any Physical Education Course
GE REQ	Health and Wellness	3	Recommend FN 35 Nutrition and Health
GE REQ	Communications	3	Recommend COMM 8
GE REQ	Social Science	3	Recommend BA 33 Human Relations in Business
IS 15	Computer Concepts	0-3	Meets Computer Familiarity Requirement unless completed Keyboarding in High School
	TOTAL UNITS	13-16	Meet with your Counselor to finalize your Student Education Plan (SEP)

SEMESTER 3

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	ADVISING/ACTION NOTES (including elective suggestions, support services, embedded certificates etc.)
DA 101	Dental Assisting 1	22	<i>Students require permission to take 22 units. Only offered in Fall. Students must take courses in sequence and must pass with 70% or above.</i>
	TOTAL UNITS	22	

SEMESTER 4

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	UNITS	ADVISING/ACTION NOTES (including elective suggestions, support services, embedded certificates etc.)
DA 102	Dental Assisting 2	13	<i>First 12 weeks of semester</i>
DA 103	Dental Assisting 3	3	<i>Last 6 weeks of semester. Off campus</i>
	TOTAL UNITS	16	<i>Apply for graduation with your degree and certificate</i>

This map is intended to be used as a tool in discussion with your counselor for the creation of your personalized Student Education Plan (SEP).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students who complete this degree or certificate can pursue employment as a:
Dental Assistant

