

# DENTAL ASSISTANT, CERTIFICATE

**Program Code: CC.DENTALASST**

This is a limited-entry program.

The goal of the program is to graduate students that have demonstrated competencies in clinical and administrative practices as well as demonstrated work ethics and professional values consistent with that of the American Dental Association (ADA).

During the program, students will complete the following credential exams: Infection Control Exam (ICE), Radiology Health and Safety Exam, and EFDA Exam & Certificate.

For more information, contact [healthsciences@clackamas.edu](mailto:healthsciences@clackamas.edu).

## Outcomes

### Related Instruction Outcomes

#### Computation

- 1 course - MTH-050 Technical Mathematics I or MTH-065 Algebra II
- Use appropriate mathematics to solve problems.

#### Communication

- 1 course - WR-101 Workplace Writing or WR-121Z Composition I
- Read actively, think critically, and write purposefully and capably for professional audiences.

#### Human Relations

- 1 course - PSY-101 Human Relations
- Engage in ethical communication processes that accomplish goals.

## Program Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students should be able to:

- demonstrate proficiency in exposing, processing, and mounting dental radiographs and digital imaging;
- apply current concepts of occupational safety hazards, infection control and aseptic procedures to promote a safe work environment and prevent disease transmission;
- perform entry-level chairside dental assisting skills;
- demonstrate basic competencies in dental administrative practices;
- list the signs, symptoms and response steps of medical emergencies in the dental office.

## Requirements

Information regarding specific requirements and timelines are located at the [Dental Assistant Program Website](#).

DA students will participate in unpaid, supervised externships in the dental care setting.

Accepted students in all health sciences programs with a clinical component must meet Oregon Health Authority Rules for Students in Clinical Settings. These include:

- Screenings - Criminal Background Check, Drug Screen, TB Blood Test
- Immunizations - Tdap, Varicella, MMR, Hep B, Covid-19 (recommended), flu (recommended)
- Certifications - BLS/CPR for Healthcare Providers through the American Heart Association
  - HP-100 Healthcare Provider BLS/CPR, First Aid/Bloodborne Pathogens satisfies this requirement

Information regarding these requirements will be provided at the program orientation. More information about the OHA rules can be found [here](#).

Disclaimer: Clinical training is required in order to complete certain Health Sciences programs offered by Clackamas Community College (CCC). Although CCC does not restrict program entry based on age, some college partners, such as healthcare agencies, organizations, and clinics, require students to be at least 18 years of age before they can participate in clinical training. Students who intend to enroll prior to reaching 18 years of age should consult with the appropriate Health Sciences program director or administrator to determine when clinical training begins for their program and to understand any limitations.

Fall Term		Credits
DA-101	Dental Radiology I	2.00
DA-101L	Dental Radiology I Lab	1.00
DA-104	Clinical Procedures I	2.00
DA-104L	Clinical Procedures I Lab	1.00
DA-107	Dental Materials I	2.00
DA-107L	Dental Materials I Lab	1.00
DA-110	Clinical Practicum I	1.00
DA-115	Dental Science	2.00
DA-125	Dental Infection Control	2.00
WR-101 or WR-121Z	Workplace Writing or Composition I	4.00
<b>Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

Winter Term		
DA-102	Dental Radiology II	2.00
DA-102L	Dental Radiology II Lab	1.00
DA-105	Clinical Procedures II	2.00
DA-105L	Clinical Procedures II Lab	1.00
DA-108	Dental Materials II	2.00
DA-108L	Dental Materials II Lab	1.00
DA-120	Clinical Practicum II	5.00
PSY-101	Human Relations	3.00
<b>Credits</b>		<b>17</b>

Spring Term		
DA-106	Clinical Procedures III	2.00
DA-106L	Clinical Procedures III Lab	1.00
DA-130	Clinical Practicum III	8.00
DA-135	Pharmacology/Medical Emergencies	2.00
DA-145	Dental Office Procedures	2.00
MTH-050 or MTH-065	Technical Mathematics I or Algebra II	4.00
<b>Credits</b>		<b>19</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>54</b>

Dental lab schedules (am/pm) are based on lottery. Information will be provided at orientation.

All courses must be passed with a C or better.

Core curriculum is sequential and may not be taken out of order. Core curriculum is intended to be completed over three consecutive terms.

## Careers

Career opportunities include:

- managed care facilities
- private dental practice
- state and county clinics
- dental schools
- insurance industry