

**CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**

The dental assisting curriculum is open-entry and may be completed on a full or part time basis. The program is accredited by the American Dental Association’s Commission on Dental Accreditation and is designed to prepare students for the national certification through the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB), 676 N St. Clair Street, Suite 1880, Chicago, Illinois 60611, (800) FOR-DANB. After completing the English Placement test and qualifying for English 101 or 113, students may contact the Dental Assistant Program Director at 651-5658 to enroll. Dental assistants are primarily employed in private dental offices but may also work in public clinics, hospitals and dental schools. The curriculum includes classroom and laboratory experience in dental sciences, dental materials, radiology, chairside assisting and dental office management. During the second semester, students will be placed in at least three clinical sites where they must complete 300 hours of clinical experience.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES – Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:**

- Demonstrate current dental assistant practice and educational standards.
- Demonstrate competency to apply principles of the psychological and socio-cultural concepts to develop effective interpersonal skills necessary to provide supportive treatment to diverse populations of dental clients.
- Demonstrate competency to function as a member of the dental team by recognizing and recording general and oral conditions, providing preventive care and implementing current dental technology.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (3 Credits):**

	CR	SEMESTER
<b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b> ENG 100, 101, 107, 113	3-5	_____

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (30 Credits):**

	CR	SEMESTER
<b>DA 108B</b> Introduction to Dental Assisting	2	_____
<b>DA 115B</b> Dental Health Education	1	_____
<b>DA 118B</b> Dental Materials for Dental Assistants	3	_____
<b>DA 119B</b> Dental Chairside Procedures	4	_____
<b>DA 123B</b> Practice Management and Procedures	1-3	_____
<b>DA 124B</b> Integrated Science for Dental Assistants	4	_____
<b>DA 126B</b> Clinical Externship	6	_____
<b>DA 128B</b> Dental Radiology	3	_____
OR		
<b>DA 106B</b> Radiation Protection for Dental Auxiliaries	1	_____
AND		
<b>DA 107B</b> Intraoral Radiographic Technique	2	_____
<b>DA 136B</b> Dental Specialties	3	_____

Computation included in DA 123B  
Human Relations included in DA 108B

This is a limited-entry program. Some of these courses are program prerequisites and MUST be completed before a student is considered eligible for entry into the Program. Students MUST attend a Health Programs orientation and meet with a Health Programs advisor for additional advisement.

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Total Credits

Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.

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