

**Dental Assisting – Clinical**  
**CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT (CoA)**

**REQUIRED CREDITS: 32**

**LIMITED ENTRY**  
**DEGREE CODE: DACLIN-CT**

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.

**DESCRIPTION**

The dental assisting program is a limited-entry program. The program is accredited by the American Dental Association’s Commission on Dental Accreditation, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1900, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The course is designed to prepare students for the national certification through the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB), 444 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 900, Chicago, Illinois 60611, (800) FOR-DANB. Students must successfully complete either ENG 100, 101, 107, or 113 with a C or above and may contact the Dental Assistant Program Director at 651-5851. Students must attend a Health Programs orientation and meet with a Health Programs advisor for additional advisement. Dental assistants are primarily employed in private dental offices but may work in public clinics, hospitals, and dental schools. The curriculum includes classroom and laboratory experience in dental sciences, dental materials, radiology, chair-side assisting, and dental office management. In the student’s last semester, the student will be placed in at least three clinical sites where they must complete 300 hours of clinical experience.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- 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.

**PLEASE NOTE** - The courses listed below may require a prerequisite or corequisite. Read course descriptions before registering for classes. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (3 CREDITS)**

**COMMUNICATIONS (3-5 credits)**

ENG 100 or 101 or 107 or 113

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (29 CREDITS)**

DA 108B	Introduction to Dental Assisting	2
DA 115B	Dental Health Education	1
DA 118B	Dental Materials for Dental Assistants	3
DA 119B	Dental Chairside Procedures	4
DA 123B	Practice Management and Procedures	3
DA 124B	Integrated Science for Dental Assistants	4
DA 126B	Clinical Externship	6
DA 128B	Dental Radiology	3
DA 136B	Dental Specialties	3

Computation included in DA 123B

Human Relations included in DA 108B

**FULL-TIME STUDENT DEGREE PLAN**

*Plan can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters.*

<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ENG 100 or 101 or 107 or 113	3-5
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>3-5</b>

<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>	<b>Credits</b>
DA 108B Introduction to Dental Assisting <sup>1</sup>	2
DA 115B Dental Health Education <sup>1</sup>	1
DA 118B Dental Materials for Dental Assistants <sup>1</sup>	3
DA 124B Integrated Science for Dental Assistants <sup>1</sup>	4
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>10</b>

<b>THIRD SEMESTER</b>	<b>Credits</b>
DA 119B Dental Chairside Procedures <sup>2</sup>	4
DA 123B Practice Management and Procedures <sup>2</sup>	3
DA 128B Dental Radiology <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>10</b>

<b>FOURTH SEMESTER</b>	<b>Credits</b>
DA 126B Clinical Externship <sup>3</sup>	6
DA 136B Dental Specialties <sup>3</sup>	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>9</b>

**DEGREE PLAN TOTAL CREDITS**.....**32**

<sup>1</sup>All four classes are co-requisite.

<sup>2</sup>All three classes are co-requisites.

<sup>3</sup>Take DA 126B and DA 136B concurrently.

- NOTE**
- Course numbers with the “B” suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.
  - Course numbers with the “H” suffix are designated Honors-level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements. For more information visit [www.csn.edu/honors](http://www.csn.edu/honors).
  - In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement (only AA, AS, and AB degrees) which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or emphasis requirement.
  - 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.

