

Dental Assisting – Clinical
CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT (CA)

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.

IMPORTANT

Important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attended this program are located at www.csn.edu/gainful-employment.

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

Add more semesters to modify this plan to fit part-time student needs.

FIRST SEMESTER	Credits
ENG 100 or 101 or 107 or 113	3-5
TOTAL CREDITS	3-5
SECOND SEMESTER	Credits
DA 108B Introduction to Dental Assisting ¹	2
DA 115B Dental Health Education ¹	1
DA 118B Dental Materials for Dental Assistants ¹	3
DA 124B Integrated Science for Dental Assistants ¹	4
TOTAL CREDITS	10
THIRD SEMESTER	Credits
DA 119B Dental Chairside Procedures ²	4
DA 123B Practice Management and Procedures ²	3
DA 128B Dental Radiology ²	3
TOTAL CREDITS	10
FOURTH SEMESTER	Credits
DA 126B Clinical Externship ³	6
DA 136B Dental Specialties ³	3
TOTAL CREDITS	9
DEGREE PLAN TOTAL CREDITS	32

¹All four classes are co-requisite.

²All three classes are co-requisites.

³Take 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.
 - 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.

