

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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, chairside assisting and dental office management. In the students 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 - 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
COMMUNICATIONS: ENG 100, 101, 107, 113	3-5	_____

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (29 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
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	_____
or		
DA 106B Radiation Protection for Dental Auxiliaries	1	_____
and		
DA 107B Intraoral Radiographic Technique	2	_____
DA 136B Dental Specialties	3	_____

Computation included in DA 123B

Human Relations included in DA 108B

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NOTE: Courses with a B suffix (example - XYZ 123B) may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.

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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.

