

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Delivery: Daytime Classes
Start: Fall Semester, Full-Time
Location: Rosemount Campus

Outcomes

Dental Assistant A.A.S. Degree60 cr.
 Dental Assistant Diploma40 cr.

Major Description

This program prepares students for employment in dentistry as a Certified Dental Assistant and a Licensed Dental Assistant. Students are trained to expose and process dental x-ray films, master a variety of chairside skills and expanded functions delegated by the Minnesota State Board of Dentistry. Students also study ways to control and prevent dental disease. Excellent communication skills are required for patient education.

Work Environment

Dental assistants provide direct and indirect patient care working under the supervision of a dentist. Potential work settings include dental practices in both general and specialty offices. Work areas are near the patient in the dental chair to permit efficient assistance to the dentist.

Potential Job Titles

- Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)
- Licensed Dental Assistant (LDA)
- Expanded Duty Dental Assistant
- Restorative Dental Assistant

Salary Data

- Average Wage: \$21.67/hour
- Top Earners: \$27.82/hour

DENTAL ASSISTANT – A.A.S. DEGREE

*This is a sample course sequence.
 Please contact your program advisor regarding your academic plans.*

First Year - First Semester

DENT1100	Dental Science	4
DENT1110	Pre-Clinical Dental Assisting	3
DENT1120	Dental Health	2
DENT1135	Chairside Assisting I	4
DENT1145	Dental Materials	4
Total Credits		17

First Year - Second Semester

DENT1250	Radiology	5
DENT1260	Expanded Functions	5
DENT1275	Chairside Assisting II	4
DENT1280	Dental Practice Management	2
Total Credits		16

First Year - Summer Session

DENT2970	Externship	7
Total Credits		7

Second Year - First Semester

ENGL1150	Composition I	3
SPEE1020	Interpersonal Communication	3
PHIL1350	Medical Ethics	3
PSYC1350	Lifespan Development	4
	General Education Elective**	3
	General Education (MnTC Goal 3 or 4)	4
Total Credits		20

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 60

** Select General Education electives from any MnTC goal area.

DENTAL ASSISTANT - DIPLOMA

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DENT1110	Pre-Clinical Dental Assisting	3
DENT1120	Dental Health	2
DENT1135	Chairside Assisting I	4
DENT1145	Dental Materials	4
Total Credits		17

First Year - Second Semester

DENT1250	Radiology	5
DENT1260	Expanded Functions	5
DENT1275	Chairside Assisting II	4
DENT1280	Dental Practice Management	2
Total Credits		16

First Year - Summer Session

DENT2970	Externship	7
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TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 40



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