

DENTAL ASSISTANT

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

Outcome

Dental Assistant A.A.S. Degree 64 credits
 Dental Assistant Diploma 44 credits

Major Description

This program prepares students for employment in dentistry. Students study ways to control and prevent dental disease. They also learn how to teach their patients preventive care. Trained to expose and process dental X-ray films, students also master a variety of chairside skills and expanded functions delegated by the State Board of Dentistry.

Work Environment

Dental assistants provide direct patient care working under the direction of a dentist. Potential employers include dental practices in both general and specialty offices that are clean, modern and well-lit. Work areas are near the dental chair to permit efficient assistance to the dentist.

Potential Job Titles

- Certified Dental Assistant
- Registered Dental Assistant
- Expanded Duty Dental Assistant
- Restorative Dental Assistant

Salary Data

- Average Wage: \$20.92/hour
- Top Earners: \$25.46/hour

DENTAL ASSISTANT – A.A.S. DEGREE

Fall Semester – First Year

Course#	Course Title	Credits
DENT1100	Dental Science	4
DENT1110	Pre-Clinical Dental Assisting	3
DENT1120	Dental Health	2
DENT1130	Chairside Assisting I	3
DENT1140	Dental Materials	3
SPEE1020	Interpersonal Communication	3
Total Credits		18

Spring Semester – First Year

Course#	Course Title	Credits
DENT1250	Radiology	5
DENT1260	Expanded Functions	5
DENT1270	Chairside Assisting II	3
DENT1280	Dental Practice Management	2
COML1400	Introduction to Computers	3
Total Credits		18

Summer Session - First Year

Course#	Course Title	Credits
DENT2970	Externship	8
	General Education Elective**	4
Total Credits		12

Fall Semester – Second Year

Course#	Course Title	Credits
ENGL1100	Writing and Research Skills	3
	General Education Elective (MnTC Goal 3 or 4)**	4
	General Education Electives**	9
Total Credits		16

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 64

*This is a sample course sequence resulting in an A.A.S. degree.
 Please consult your program advisor regarding your academic plans.*

*** Select General Education electives from any MnTC goal area.
 See pages 116-118 in the college catalog.*

DENTAL ASSISTANT – DIPLOMA

Fall Semester – First Year

Course#	Course Title	Credits
COML1400	Introduction to Computers	3
DENT1100	Dental Science	4
DENT1110	Pre-Clinical Dental Assisting	3
DENT1120	Dental Health	2
DENT1130	Chairside Assisting I	3
DENT1140	Dental Materials	3
Total Credits		18

Spring Semester – First Year

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DENT1250	Radiology	5
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Total Credits		18

Summer Session - First Year

Course#	Course Title	Credits
DENT2970	Externship	8
Total Credits		8

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 44

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