


DENTAL ASSISTING CERTIFICATE

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The Dental Assisting certificate program is designed for persons interested in working as basic qualified dental personnel or dental assistants. Students will gain knowledge and skills such as taking x-rays, record keeping, scheduling appointments, and an introduction to working with dental materials. Those who successfully complete the curriculum will be competent in technical, interpersonal, and management skills expected of a Dental Assistant.

First Year

First Semester		Hours
DAS 1011	Dental Assisting Techniques	1
DAS 1020	Dental Assisting Clinic	1
DAS 1201	Introduction to Dental Terminology and Basic Oral Anatomy	1
DAS 1460	Oral Radiography	3
DAS 1511	Dental Assisting Concepts	2
DHY 1019	Nitrous Oxide Sedation	0.5
DAS 2141	Dental Assisting Materials	1
SDE 1010 	First Year Experience	1
Term Hours		10.5
Total Hours		10.5

Portfolio Course

Once the student is admitted into the Dental Assisting program, the program admitted students must show completion of the below requirements **three weeks prior** to start of term:

1. Complete 16 hours of observation of a dental assistant in a dental office.
2. Attend a Spring semester mandatory Dental Assisting comprehensive orientation with the dental hygiene department chairperson.
3. Provide written results of physical and dental examinations, completion of required laboratory tests and completion of required immunizations.
4. Complete the Hepatitis B series of three inoculations or Hepatitis B titre.
5. Complete the American Heart Association (Healthcare Provider) or American Red Cross (Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers) course. CPR certification must be maintained throughout the Dental Assisting Program.