

DENTAL ASSISTING

Dental Assisting One-Year Certificate

PROGRAM MISSION

The Dental Assisting program inspires confidence by combining relevant instruction with a learning environment that reflects the earning environment.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This one-year certificate program prepares graduates for employment in the dental setting with emphasis on current concepts of clinical chairside assisting. A dental assistant may serve as a clinical chairside assistant, receptionist, office manager or laboratory technician.

For entry into Dental Assisting program, orientation seminar is required. Seminar will include information about the program, and paperwork that will need to be completed prior to attending classes. Questions and concerns will also be discussed.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

UCC's Dental Assisting program is accredited by the Commission of Dental Accreditation, in association with the US Department of Education and the Dental Assisting National Board. The one-year certificate program is designed to prepare graduates for an exciting career in the dental profession. The program prepares the assistant for licensing exams including the Radiation Health and Safety Exam and the Certified Dental Assistant exam. After completion of the program and upon receipt of the Radiology Proficiency Certificate students will be eligible to receive their EFDA and EFODA certifications.

Students who successfully complete the Dental Assisting certificate will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and skills required to perform a variety of chairside skills during comprehensive patient care and treatment
2. Apply infection control procedures
3. Recognize and respond to medical emergencies in the dental setting
4. Practice appropriate communication skills to establish professional working relationships in a team-centered dental office environment
5. Demonstrate safe working habits with the knowledge in Occupational Safety and Health Administration Hazard Communication Standard
6. Demonstrate ethical conduct, moral attitudes and principles essential for maintaining trust of professional associates, the support of the community, and the confidence of the patient.
7. Be prepared to sit for the required state and national licensure exams.

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are eligible to be considered for admission to the Dental Assisting program after completing the Required Prerequisite Courses listed below. These courses must be completed with a grade of C or better prior to beginning the Dental Assisting program.

Required Prerequisite Courses

CIS 120	Introduction to Digital Literacy	4
MTH 060	Introduction to Algebra or higher	4
PSY 101	Psychology of Human Relations	3
WR 115 (or higher)	English Composition: Introduction to Expository Writing	4

Required Prerequisite Credits 15

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Required Courses

DA 102	Advanced Clinical Experiences	4
DA 103	Dentistry Law & Ethics	1
DA 107	Dental Health Education I	1
DA 108	Dental Health Education II	1
DA 110	Health Sciences	3
DA 111	Dental terminology	2
DA 115	Dental Anatomy	3
DA 135	Oral Pathology	2
DA 139	Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office	2
DA 192	Dental Materials I	3
DA 195	Chairside Procedures I	4
DA 196	Chairside Procedures II	4
DA 198	Dental Materials II	2
DA 190	Dental Office Procedures	3
DA 210	Dental Radiology I	4
DA 211	Dental Radiology II	3
DA 280	Cooperative Work Experience: Dental Assisting	1
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Total Credits 67

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PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Academic Entrance Requirement

Program admission occurs once a year in fall term. The application process begins in January of each calendar year.

Drug Screening

All dental students must successfully pass a drug screening test at the time of admission into the Dental Program and are subject to random drug screening throughout the program. Failure to submit to a random drug screen or having a positive drug screen will result in sanctions per the UCC Student Code of Conduct (721.3). The cost is not covered by the student fees.

Background Check

All accepted dental assisting students will be required to undergo a background check prior to entering the program. Individuals with a criminal record may not be allowed into a healthcare facility as a student. Information pertaining to background checks and disqualifying crimes can be found online through The Department of Human Services (DHS) website oregon.gov/dhs/business-services/chc/Pages/index.aspx.

The program is required to deny admission or continuation in the Dental Assisting program to any student whose background poses a threat to an individual, the college, or the dental professional, or the community.

Graduation Requirements

Students must complete all courses on this advising guide with a grade of C or better to continue in and complete the program, receive their certificates, and meet the educational requirements to apply to take the national licensure exams through DANB (Dental Assisting National Board).

PROGRAM AND COURSE FEES

Packet information will be turned in prior to starting classes.

This includes:

2. Vaccination records, including updates
3. Background history check
4. Drug screening
5. Current HealthOcc CPR with AED

*The cost to student is not included in program fees.

