

Dental Aide Certificate in Health Sciences

Entrance Requirements:

Acceptable ASSET or COMPASS score

Type of Program:

May be offered either day or evening dependent upon class size and demand

Type of Degree:

Certificate

Employment Opportunities:

Private dental offices or clinics as infection control or chairside assistants

- This program provides education for basic, entry-level, dental assisting skills, including infection control, basic chairside assisting, tooth morphology/dental anatomy, ethics, basic office management, and a variety of clinical procedures.
- Prior to participating in office rotations and/or completing the program, students must submit proof of current American Heart Association Health Care Providers course in CPR.
- Apply for program admissions during the month of March each year.
- A crime-free criminal background check and negative 10-panel drug screen is required before beginning clinic experience.
- Students must be able to attend all clinical experiences.
- Physical exams, TB test, and Hepatitis B immunizations are required.
- Supply kits and uniforms are required.
- Must attend a career talk and program orientation within the past year.
- Student must sit for and pass the Infection Control portion of the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) for certification at the end of the first semester to continue the program.
- A grade of "C" or higher must be achieved in all courses to complete this program. Students may elect to continue in the Expanded Duty Dental Assisting program by successfully completing the Dental Assisting National Board, Infection Control Exam, and by completing CPT 101, ENG 165, MAT 155 & PSY 103, and applying for program admission during the month of March (each year).
- Students must see a dental program faculty advisor to register.

Recommended Program Schedule

First Semester – Fall

DAT 154 Clinical Procedures I

4.0

DHG 125	Tooth Morphology & Histology	2.0
DHG 244	Dental Materials	3.0
DAT 115	Ethics & Professionalism (hybrid)	1.0

Second Semester – Spring

DAT 122	Dental Office Management (on-line)	2.0
DAT 174	Office Rotations**	4.0

Total credit hours **16.0**

**Daytime office rotations