

Expanded Duty Dental Assisting Diploma in Health Sciences

Entrance Requirements:

Acceptable ASSET or COMPASS score

Type of Program:

Day (some evening classes/clinics required)

Type of Degree:

Diploma

Professional Credentials:

Certified Dental Assistant (subject to passing Dental Assisting National Board exam)

Program Accreditation:

American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation

Employment Opportunities:

Dental offices, public health departments, dental schools

- This program prepares students to work as clinical assistants, receiving and preparing patients for dental treatment; assisting chairside, taking x-rays, making temporary crowns and pouring/trimming impressions for study models. The program also includes office management skills, appointing patients, maintaining patients' records on the computer and via files, filing, and client services.
- Prior to acceptance students must
 - Meet the specific program requirements outlined in Health Sciences admissions requirements.
 - Have completed one high school or college unit of biology with a grade of "C" or higher.
 - Apply for program admission during the month of March each year.
 - Attend a Career Talk session for the major and program orientation.
 - Submit proof of current American Heart Association Health Care Providers course in CPR.
- Upon acceptance, a \$100 nonrefundable deposit is required to hold the seat.
- A crime-free criminal background check and a negative 10-panel drug screen are required before beginning class experience.
- Students must be able to attend all clinical experiences.
- Students must sit for and pass the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) for certification as a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) at the end of each semester to continue in the program. Examinations must be taken prior to the end of each semester.
- Completion of general education courses (ENG 165, MAT 155, PSY 103) and CPT 101 are strongly recommended prior to entering the program.

- A grade of “C” or higher is required in every course, as well as completion of all three sections of DANB to earn the EDDA Diploma.
- Students must purchase supply kits and uniforms.

Recommended Program Schedule

First Semester – Fall

CPT 101	Introduction to Computers	3.0
DAT 112	Integrated Human Sciences	4.0
DAT 154	Clinical Procedures I	4.0
DHG 125	Tooth Morphology & Histology	2.0
DHG 244	Dental Materials	3.0
MAT 155	Contemporary Mathematics*	3.0
DAT 115	Ethics and Professionalism (hybrid)	1.0

Second Semester - Spring

DAT 121	Dental Health Education	2.0
DAT 122	Dental Office Management (online)	2.0
DAT 123	Oral Medicine / Oral Biology	3.0
DAT 160	Expanded Functions/Specialties	2.0
DAT 174	Office Rotations	4.0
DHG 121	Dental Radiography	3.0

Third Semester - Summer

DAT 177	Dental Office Experience	7.0
ENG 165	Professional Communications*	3.0
PSY 103	Human Relations*	3.0

Total credit hours **49.0**

* General Education course

Note: Please contact your advisor for other program options.