

# Expanded Duty Dental Assisting Diploma in Applied Science

## **Mission Statement:**

The primary mission of the GTC Expanded Duty Dental Assistant program is to provide nationally certified expanded duty dental assistants to serve the dental community. Graduates are expected to assume responsibility for personal and professional growth and to enhance knowledge and skills through continued education and lifelong learning.

## **Entrance Requirements:**

Acceptable placement test score(s)

Must successfully complete all developmental courses indicated in placement testing.

TEAS: All applicants must complete the TEAS test.

## **Type of Program:**

Day (some evening classes/clinics required)

## **Professional Credentials:**

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

## **Program Accreditation:**

Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)

## **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 chair side, 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 and Wellness admissions requirements.
  - Apply for program admission from January 15-May 1 of each year. Seats are awarded to the most highly-qualified applicants based upon weighted criteria and on a space-available basis.
  - Complete an online Career Talk session for the major within one year of application and program orientation after acceptance.
- Upon acceptance, a \$100 non-refundable 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 provide transportation and 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, one portion of the DANB must be passed to continue in the program. Examinations must be taken prior to the end of each semester. Students are responsible for exam fees each semester.
- Completion of all of the general education courses with grades of A or B will earn the student higher points toward the weighted admission to 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 at the start of the program from vendors selected by the Expanded Duty Dental Assisting program.
- This is a diploma program that leads to national CDA certification upon successful completion of the program and the certification exam.

## Recommended Program Schedule

### **Pre-program courses**

BIO	112	Basic Anatomy & Physiology*/†	4.0
ENG	101	English Composition I*	3.0
SOC	101	Introduction to Sociology*	3.0
COL	105	Freshman Seminar**	3.0
		or	
HSS	295	Leadership Through the Humanities**	

### **First Semester - Fall**

DAT	115	Ethics and Professionalism (Online)	1.0
DAT	154	Clinical Procedures I	4.0
DAT	118	Dental Morphology	2.0
DHG	244	Dental Materials	3.0
DAT	116	Fundamentals of Dental Medicine	3.0
SPC	205	Public Speaking*/**	3.0

(SPC 208 and SPC 209 are also acceptable for this program)

### **Second Semester - Spring**

DAT	121	Dental Health Education	2.0
DAT	160	Expanded Functions/Specialties	2.0
DAT	175	Introduction to Clinical Experience	5.0
DHG	121	Dental Radiography	3.0

### **Third Semester - Summer**

DAT	122	Dental Office Management	2.0
DAT	177	Dental Office Experience	7.0

**Total Required Credit Hours: 50.0**

\* General education course

It is strongly recommended that the five (5) general education courses be taken prior to applying to the Dental Assisting program. Points will be assigned for the completion of these courses that will facilitate entry into the program.

†The combination of the higher level BIO 210 and BIO 211 or BIO 215 and BIO 216 will substitute for BIO 112, if the student has successfully completed these courses with a grade of "C" or better.

\*\* For students who also intend to apply to the Dental Hygiene program, HSS 295 should be taken in place of COL 105 and SPC 205 should be taken for the Speech requirement.

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