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
  q Meet the specific program requirements outlined in Health and Wellness admissions requirements.
  q 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.
  q Complete a 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 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.
• 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 122 Dental Office Management 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 177 Dental Office Experience 7.0

Total 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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