

# Dental Assisting Certificate

**Purpose:** (1) To prepare students to perform the following services under supervision of a dentist: chairside assistance, including preparation of impression and restorative materials; exposing and processing intra-oral and panoramic dental radiographs; laboratory and office management procedures; dental health education; recognition of emergencies; patient care as authorized by the Virginia Board of Dentistry. (2) To qualify students for the Dental Assisting National Board Certification Examination.

**Occupational Objectives:** This program is designed to provide essential technological and practical knowledge required for a dental assistant to perform efficiently in a dental office. Training experiences in nearby dental clinics and private dental offices are provided.

**Admission Requirements:** General college curricular admission

**Financial Requirements:** In addition to the regular college tuition and fees, the Dental Assisting Program requires the following:

Textbooks	\$300.00* (per semester)
Uniforms, Lab Coat, Clinic Coat, Safety Glasses, Blood Pressure Kit, and Hepatitis Vaccine Series	\$300.00*
Background Check	\$43.00*
<b>The following expenses are optional:</b>	
<b>Student Membership in the ADAA</b>	<b>\$35.00* (will increase each year after expiration of student membership)</b>
<b>DANB Certification Exam</b>	<b>\$470.00*</b>

\*Costs listed are approximate.

**Program Notes:** This program takes new students in the spring and fall semesters of each year. Students admitted into Dental Assisting will be approved for entry into major/clinical courses (DNA 103 and higher) when they have satisfied the following requirements:

1. Completion of all JSRCC developmental coursework prescribed as a result of JSRCC placement tests.
2. Completion of one unit of high school biology with a grade of "C" or better, or its equivalent (JSRCC BIO 1).
3. Completion of one unit of high school mathematics with a grade of "C" or better,

or its equivalent (JSRCC MTH 2).

4. All applicants to the Dental Assisting program must declare their curriculum as the Pre-Practical Nursing and Dental Assisting Career Studies Certificate. (Please see [http://www.jsr.vccs.edu/curriculum/plan\\_info.htm](http://www.jsr.vccs.edu/curriculum/plan_info.htm) for information on this career studies certificate.) In order to be officially accepted into the Dental Assisting program, applicants will need to fulfill certain prerequisites included in the career studies certificate. College transfer students will need to meet and discuss options with the program head.
5. After officially being accepted into the Dental Assisting program, all applicants must have a personal interview with the program head or a designated faculty member.
6. A grade of "C" or better in each course of the Pre-Practical Nursing and Dental Assisting Certificate curriculum.
7. Completion of health forms provided by the program head for physical and dental examinations.

Any student whose final grade falls below a "C" in any course must obtain permission from the program head to continue the major in Dental Assisting. Students are responsible for transportation to and from facilities used for clinical experiences. DNA courses are sequential unless otherwise determined by the program head.

**Progression through the Program:** The college offers this program in affiliation with the healthcare agencies and practitioners in the communities the college serves. The college relies on its community affiliates to provide clinical education opportunities for its students, expert clinical preceptors, and course instructors for many courses. The often rapid changes in healthcare law, standards of practice, technology, and content of credentialing examinations increasingly necessitate sudden changes in the program's course content, policies, procedures and course scheduling. As a result, the college cannot guarantee every student continuous and uninterrupted clinical and course instruction as outlined in the printed catalog curriculum for this program. Circumstances beyond the control of the college may necessitate the postponement of course offerings or changes in the sequencing and/or location of scheduled courses or clinical assignments. Additionally, the college may have to change the instructor for courses after instruction has started.

**Computer Competency Requirement:** Students in this program will meet the college's computer competency requirement by successfully completing [ITE 115](#). Students can also meet this requirement by passing the college's computer competency exam, administered in the testing centers on each campus, in which case they will receive college credit for [ITE 115](#). Those students not passing the computer competency exam may retake the exam only once.

**Program Accreditation:** The program in Dental Assisting is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of

“approval without reporting requirements.” The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

<b>CURRICULUM</b>				
<b>COURSE</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>LEC. HRS.</b>	<b>LAB. HRS.</b>	<b>CRS. CRE.</b>
<a href="#"><u>*SDV 100</u></a>	College Success Skills	1	0	1
<a href="#"><u>DNA 100</u></a>	Introduction to Oral Health Professions	1	0	1
<a href="#"><u>DNA 103</u></a>	Introduction to Oral Health	1	0	1
<a href="#"><u>DNA 108</u></a>	Dental Science	2	3	3
<a href="#"><u>DNA 109</u></a>	Practical Infection Control	2	3	3
<a href="#"><u>DNA 110</u></a>	Dental Materials	2	3	3
<a href="#"><u>DNA 113</u></a>	Chairside Assisting I	2	3	3
<a href="#"><u>DNA 190</u></a>	Coordinated Internship in Dental Assisting	0	8	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		11	20	17
<a href="#"><u>DNA 114</u></a>	Chairside Assisting II	2	6	4
<a href="#"><u>DNA 119</u></a>	Dental Therapeutics	1	0	1
<a href="#"><u>DNA 120</u></a>	Community Health	1	0	1
<a href="#"><u>DNA 134</u></a>	Dental Radiology and Practicum	2	3	3
<a href="#"><u>DNA 140</u></a>	Externship	1	12	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		7	21	14
<a href="#"><u>DNA 130</u></a>	<b>Dental Office Management</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		2	3	3
<a href="#"><u>*HLT 105</u></a>	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	1	0	1
<a href="#"><u>*ENG 111</u></a>	College Composition I	3	0	3
<a href="#"><u>*ITE 115</u></a>	Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts	3	0	3
<a href="#"><u>*PSY 201</u></a>	Introduction to Psychology	3	0	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		10	0	10

<b>Total Minimum Credits for Certificate in Dental Assisting</b>	<b>44</b>
*This course is included in the Pre-Practical Nursing and Dental Assisting Career Studies Certificate.	

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