

Dental Assisting Career Studies Certificate

Purpose: To prepare students to perform the following services under the supervision of a dentist: chairside assisting, preparation of impression and restorative materials, dental health education, patient care as authorized by the Virginia Board of Dentistry.

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*

The following expense is optional:

Student Membership in the ADAA \$35.00

*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. A personal interview with the program head or a designated faculty member.
2. A grade of "C" or better in each course of the Dental Assisting curriculum.
3. Completion of all JSRCC developmental coursework prescribed as a result of JSRCC placement tests.
4. 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.

CURRICULUM				
COURSE	TITLE	LEC. HRS.	LAB. HRS.	CRS. CRE.
DNA 100	Introduction to Oral Health Professions	1	0	1
DNA 103	Introduction to Oral Health	1	0	1
DNA 108	Dental Science	2	3	3
DNA 109	Infection Control	2	3	3
DNA 110	Dental Materials	2	3	3
DNA 113	Chairside Assisting I	2	3	3
DNA 190 ¹	Coordinated Internship in Dental Assisting	0	8	2
DNA 119	Dental Therapeutics	1	0	1
DNA 120	Community Health	1	0	1
DNA 114 ¹	Chairside Assisting II	2	6	4
DNA 140	Externship	1	12	5
TOTAL		15	38	27

¹ DNA 190 or program head approval is required prior to taking DNA 114.

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