

Dental Assisting

Offered at MCC-Penn Valley

A.A.S. Dental Assisting.....73-78 Credits
 Dental Assisting Certificate54-55 Credits

This program, which leads to either an Associate in Applied Science degree or a certificate of proficiency, prepares the student to enter the workforce as a trained dental assistant. Graduates of this program are eligible to take the national certifying examination given by the Dental Assisting National Board.

Admission to the Dental Assisting Program

Because enrollment in the program is limited, a student must meet the requirements and apply for admission. For more information, go to www.mcckc.edu/dentalassisting

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Program Prerequisites	Credits	Semester Taken	Prerequisites
COLL 100 First Year Seminar or HLSC 100 Introduction to Health Professions	1-2		
ENGL 101 Composition and Reading I	3		ENGL 90 with a minimum grade of S or appropriate placement score
DENA 100 Introduction to Dental Assisting	1		
General Education Requirements (23-29 credit hours)			
BIOL 109 Anatomy and Physiology or BIOL 110 Human Anatomy and BIOL 210 Human Physiology	6-10		CHEM 105 (BIOL 109) CHEM 105 and BIOL 110 (BIOL 210)
BIOL 208 Microbiology	5		CHEM 105 or higher, plus one of the following courses: HLSC 108, BIOL 101, 104, 106, 109, 110, 123, or 124.
CHEM 105 Introductory Chemistry for Health Sciences	5		
HIST 120 United States History to 1865 or HIST 121 United States History Since 1865 or POLS 135 Introduction to Political Science or POLS 136 Introduction to American National Politics or POLS 137 Introduction to State and Local Politics	3		
PSYC 140 General Psychology	3		
COMM 100 Fundamentals of Speech or COMM 102 Fundamentals of Human Communication	3		ENGL 90 with a minimum grade of S or appropriate placement score.
Minimum Total General Education Credit Hours	18		
Specific Program Requirements			
EMS 100 Basic Emergency Care	1		
DENA 101 Body Structure and Function	2		Formal Admission to the Dental Assisting program, DENA 100, ENGL 101
DENA 102 Head and Neck Anatomy	2		Formal Admission to the Dental Assisting program, DENA 100, ENGL 101
DENA 103 Dental Anatomy	2		Formal Admission to the Dental Assisting program, DENA 100, ENGL 101
DENA 104 Dental Medical Emergencies and Pharmacology	2		Formal Admission to the Dental Assisting program, DENA 100, ENGL 101
DENA 105 Dental Materials I	2.5		Formal Admission to the Dental Assisting program, DENA 100, ENGL 101
DENA 108 Oral Microbiology & Infection Control	1.5		DENA 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, and EMS 100
DENA 110 Chairside Assisting I	5		DENA 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, and EMS 100
DENA 115 Dental Radiology I	4		DENA 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, and EMS 100
DENA 125 Clinical Experience I	2		DENA 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, and EMS 100
DENA 205 Dental Materials II	3		DENA 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, and EMS 100
DENA 210 Chairside Assisting II	5		DENA 108, 110, 115, 125, 205
DENA 215 Dental Radiology II	2		DENA 108, 110, 115, 125, 205
DENA 225 Dental Office Management	2		DENA 108, 110, 115, 125, 205
DENA 230 Oral Pathology	1		DENA 108, 110, 115, 125, 205
DENA 250 Clinical Experience II	4		DENA 108, 110, 115, 125, 205
DENA 260 Dental Assisting Seminar	2		DENA 108, 110, 115, 125, 205
Total Credit Hours Required	73-78		