



Academic & Career **PATHWAYS**

Associate **of** Applied Science (A.A.S.) Dental Assisting – Advising Track

Dental assistants play an integral role in the flow and efficiency of dental care. Dental assistants not only help the dentist during dental procedures but they also prep the patient, sterilize and disinfect instruments, set up instrument trays, prepare materials during procedures and support office management.

*You must be admitted into this program, see website for admission requirements. Students who do not transfer 12 or more credit hours to MCC must take HLSC 100.

Semester 1		
Course	Credits	Action Steps
HLSC 100 (Program Prerequisite)	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with Academic Advisor to set up a degree plan in Starfish
^ENGL 101 (Program Prerequisite)	3	
^CHEM 105 (General Education Requirement)	5	
HLSC 108 OR ^BIOL 109 OR ^BIOL 110 & ^BIOL 210 (Program Prerequisite)	4-10*	
Total Credits	14 - 20	
Semester 2		
^COMM 100 or ^COMM 102 (General Education Requirement)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for program admission by the February 15th deadline Pass Civics Exam with 70% or higher
PSYC 140 (General Education Requirement)	3	
DENA 100 (Program Prerequisite Requirement)	1	
^BIOL 208 (General Education Requirement)	5	
HIST 120, HIST 121 or POLS 136 (General Education Requirement/Civics)	3	
Total Credits	15	
Semester 3 – SUMMER		
^DENA 101 (Program Requirement)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program begins in summer semester
^DENA 102 (Program Requirement)	2	
^DENA 103 (Program Requirement)	2	
^DENA 104 (Program Requirement)	2	
^DENA 105 (Program Requirement)	2.5	
^DENA 106 (Program Requirement)	2	
Total Credits	11.5	



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Semester 4		
^DENA 108 (Program Requirement)	1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with Career Services to develop a resume
^DENA 110 (Program Requirement)	5	
^DENA 115 (Program Requirement)	4	
^DENA 125 (Program Requirement)	2	
^DENA 205 (Program Requirement)	3	
Total Credits	15.5	
Semester 5		
^DENA 210 (Program Requirement)	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for graduation • Apply for jobs
^DENA 215 (Program Requirement)	2	
^DENA 225 (Program Requirement)	2	
^DENA 230 (Program Requirement)	1	
^DENA 250 (Program Requirement)	4	
^DENA 260 (Program Requirement)	2	
Total Credits	16	
	Credits Required	72*
<i>*The A.A.S. degree requires a minimum of 72 total credits to graduate. When selecting a course from multiple options, please consider the number of credits for each course to ensure meeting the minimum requirements for graduation.</i>		

This Pathway Map is an advising tool designed for full-time students on this A.A.S. degree and identifies the course taking recommendations for timely degree completion. Degree requirements and prerequisites information can be found here: <https://www.mcckc.edu/programs/dental-assisting/>

All students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to develop an individualized completion plan that best meets their goals, interest, and objectives.

^Course requires a prerequisite or appropriate placement, see catalog for additional information