

DENTAL ASSISTING, CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

The Certificate of Completion Dental Assisting is a four-term certificate that prepares students to meet the requirements to become a dental assistant with expanded functions (EFDA). Upon completion, students are eligible to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB (<https://www.danb.org>)) exams: National Entry Level Dental Assisting (NELDA) exam, the Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam, and the Infection Control Exam (ICE). The curriculum is based on general dentistry. Students are trained in four-handed chairside assisting techniques to work with general dentists during all phases of examination and treatment. Students also gain experience in the administrative aspects of dentistry such as scheduling, patient communication, charting and billing. Curriculum is derived from identified learning outcomes relevant to the discipline.

Gainful Employment Disclosure

Southwestern is required by federal regulations to disclose information related to the College's educational programs that lead to gainful employment in a recognized occupation. This information is intended to provide students the opportunity to measure employment outcomes associated with certificate programs.

Gainful employment information for the Certificate of Completion Dental Assisting (<https://www.socc.edu/images/ge/dental.html>) can be found online.

Graduation Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 55 credit hours with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better. All courses in the program must be completed with a 'C' or better. All courses must be completed at Southwestern before the Certificate of Completion Dental Assisting is awarded.

Complete the graduation application process one term prior to the term of completion (e.g., spring term graduates must apply during winter term).

Pre-Program Courses

Students are required to take the following courses *prior to* the program courses, depending on students' college placement information. See advisor for details:

Code	Title	Credits
MTH20	Basic Mathematics	4
WR90	Paragraph Fundamentals	3

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Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
AH111	Medical Terminology I	3
DEN101	Dental Assisting I	4
DEN102	Infection Control	2
DEN103	Introduction to Dental Assisting	1

HE252	First Aid & CPR Professional Rescue	3
Credits		13
Winter		
DEN104	Dental & Medical Emergency Mngmt	2
DEN105	Dental Materials	2
DEN106	Dental Administration	2
DEN107	Practicum in Dental Assisting I	4
DEN108	Legal & Ethical Issues in Dentistry	2
MTH60	Algebra I (or higher)	4
Credits		16
Spring		
DEN109	Dental Assisting II	4
DEN110	Dental Radiology	4
DEN111	Practicum in Dental Assisting II	4
Credits		12
Summer		
DEN112	Chairside Assisting	2
DEN113	Expanded Functions Dental Assistant	2
DEN280	CWE: Dental Assisting	4
BA285	Human Relations in Organizations	3
WR115	Introduction to Expository Writing ¹	3
Credits		14
Total Credits		55

¹ WR121 English Composition, WR122 English Composition, WR123 English Composition or WR227 Report Writing may be substituted for WR115 Introduction to Expository Writing.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of dental instruments and terminology.
- Demonstrate general chairside skills.
- Demonstrate radiographic proficiency.
- Demonstrate an understanding of legal and ethical issues in dentistry.
- Demonstrate proficiency in infection control techniques.
- Demonstrate occupational safety skills.
- Demonstrate patient education and management skills.
- Demonstrate administrative office skills.
- Demonstrate laboratory skills.