

DENTAL ASSISTING - ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

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Degree Quick Facts

- **Instructional School:** Health
- **Department:** Health Professions
- **Program Code:** DENT.AAS
- **Program Type:** Career and Technical Education
- **Available Fully Online:** No
- **Eligible for Federal Financial Aid:** Yes

Degree Requirements

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
General Education Requirements		
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the GEM 1 requirement:</i>		
<u>GEM 1 - Written Communication course</u>		3
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the GEM 2 requirement:</i>		
<u>GEM 2 - Oral Communication course</u>		3
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the GEM 3 requirement:</i>		
<u>GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course</u>		3
<i>Complete one of the following recommended course options to fulfill the GEM 4 requirement:</i>		
Select one of the following recommended options: ¹		4-5
Option 1:		
BIOL 226	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Plus	
BIOL 227P	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	
BIOL 227L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	
Option 2:		
BIOL 227	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	
BIOL 227L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	
Option 3:		
CHEM 101	Introduction to Chemistry	
CHEM 101L	Introduction to Chemistry Lab	
Option 4:		
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I	
CHEM 111L	General Chemistry I Lab	
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the GEM 6 requirement:</i>		
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
Major Requirements		
DENT 101	Dental Materials and Procedures	1
DENT 101L	Dental Materials and Procedures Lab	1
DENT 102	Dental Clinical Skills I	2
DENT 102L	Dental Clinical Skills I Lab	2
DENT 103	Dental Prosthodontic Materials and Procedures	1
DENT 103L	Dental Prosthodontic Materials and Procedures Lab	1
DENT 104	Dental Radiography	2
DENT 104L	Dental Radiography Lab	1
DENT 105	Dental Clinical Skills II	1
DENT 105L	Dental Clinical Skills II Lab	1
DENT 106	Dental Assisting Clinical Experience	6
DENT 108	Dental Office Management	2
DENT 151	Dental Theory I	3
DENT 152	Dental Theory II	2
DENT 153	Dental Theory III	3

DENT 154	Dental Theory IV	3
DENT 155	Dental Seminar	1
DENT 225	Advanced Dental Assisting Practicum	6
Electives	Select 4-5 elective credits to bring the total credits earned to 60 ²	4-5
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

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² It is strongly recommended that Dental Assisting students complete HLTH 101 Medical Terminology as one of their elective choices.

NOTE: All courses listed under Major Requirements must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

Plan of Study Guide

The course sequence listed below is strongly recommended in order to complete your program requirements. Many Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses have prerequisites and/or corequisites that have been accounted for within this Plan of Study Guide. Please register for your major requirements each semester as shown below using the Student Planning tool in myCWI. Consult your Student Success Advisor for any questions regarding this plan.

NOTE: The required general education courses may be completed during any semester the student prefers, including summer semesters.

First Year

		Credit Hours
Summer		
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (GEM 6)	3
	<u>GEM 1 - Written Communication course</u>	3
	<u>GEM 2 - Oral Communication course</u>	3
	<u>GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course</u>	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		12

Fall

DENT 101	Dental Materials and Procedures	1
DENT 101L	Dental Materials and Procedures Lab	1
DENT 102	Dental Clinical Skills I	2
DENT 102L	Dental Clinical Skills I Lab	2
DENT 104	Dental Radiography	2
DENT 104L	Dental Radiography Lab	1
DENT 108	Dental Office Management	2
DENT 151	Dental Theory I	3
DENT 152	Dental Theory II	2
Total Semester Credit Hours		16

Spring

DENT 103	Dental Prosthodontic Materials and Procedures	1
DENT 103L	Dental Prosthodontic Materials and Procedures Lab	1
DENT 105	Dental Clinical Skills II	1
DENT 105L	Dental Clinical Skills II Lab	1
DENT 106	Dental Assisting Clinical Experience	6
DENT 153	Dental Theory III	3
DENT 154	Dental Theory IV	3
DENT 155	Dental Seminar	1
Total Semester Credit Hours		17

Second Year

Summer		
DENT 225	Advanced Dental Assisting Practicum	6
Total Semester Credit Hours		6

Fall

Select one of the following options (Recommended GEM 4): ¹		4-5
Option 1:		
BIOL 226	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Plus	
BIOL 227P	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	
BIOL 227L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	
Option 2:		
BIOL 227	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	
BIOL 227L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	
Option 3:		
CHEM 101	Introduction to Chemistry	
CHEM 101L	Introduction to Chemistry Lab	
Option 4:		
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I	
CHEM 111L	General Chemistry I Lab	
HLTH 101	Medical Terminology (Recommended Elective) ²	3
Electives	Select 1-2 elective credits to bring the total credits earned to 60	1-2
Total Semester Credit Hours		9
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

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Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Perform supportive dental assisting tasks including preventative care instruction, infection control, and workplace safety.
- Demonstrate skill in technical procedures and adjusting those procedures to the needs of the patient and the dentist.
- Communicate professionally with the patients and members of the dental health team.
- Function as a member of the health care team in an ethical and professional manner.
- Contribute towards activities that promote dentistry in the community.
- Recognize the need for and assume the responsibility for continuing education.