

DENTAL ASSISTING - ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

Explore More About This Program: <https://cwi.edu/program/dental-assisting>

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

NOTE: Courses required for this program *may* have an additional fee; more information can be found on the [Special Course Fees](#) web page.

Degree Requirements

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
General Education Requirements		
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (GEM 2)	3
<u>GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course</u>		3
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (GEM 6)	3
Select one of the following lecture/lab combinations (Recommended GE Elective):		4-5
BIOL 226 & BIOL 227P & BIOL 227L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Plus and Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	
BIOL 227 & 227L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	
CHEM 101 & 101L	Introduction to Chemistry and Introduction to Chemistry Lab	
CHEM 111 & 111L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	
Major Requirements		
DENT 101	Dental Materials and Procedures	1
DENT 102	Dental Clinical Skills I	2
DENT 103	Dental Prosthodontic Materials and Procedures	1
DENT 104	Dental Radiography	1
DENT 105	Dental Clinical Skills II	1
DENT 106	Dental Assisting Clinical Experience	6
DENT 108	Dental Office Management	2
DENT 110L	Dental Assisting Pre-Clinical Lab I	4
DENT 120L	Dental Assisting Pre-Clinical Lab II	2
DENT 151	Dental Theory I	3
DENT 152	Dental Theory II	3
DENT 153	Dental Theory III	3
DENT 154	Dental Theory IV	3
DENT 225	Advanced Dental Assisting Practicum	6
Electives	Select 5-7 elective credits to bring the total credits earned to 60 ²	5-7
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

¹ This general education (GE) course is recommended by the department as the most beneficial GE option for students in this program. **Please note that students may fulfill their GE requirement by completing another course from within the applicable general education category.**

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.

Degree Plan: Fall Start

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 course sequence plan. Please register for your major requirements each semester as shown below using the Student Planning tool in myCWI. Consult your 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

Summer		Credit Hours
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (GEM 6)	3
GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course		3
Total Semester Credit Hours		9

Fall

DENT 101	Dental Materials and Procedures	1
DENT 102	Dental Clinical Skills I	2
DENT 104	Dental Radiography	1
DENT 108	Dental Office Management	2
DENT 110L	Dental Assisting Pre-Clinical Lab I	4
DENT 151	Dental Theory I	3
DENT 152	Dental Theory II	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		16

Spring

DENT 103	Dental Prosthodontic Materials and Procedures	1
DENT 105	Dental Clinical Skills II	1
DENT 106	Dental Assisting Clinical Experience	6
DENT 120L	Dental Assisting Pre-Clinical Lab II	2
DENT 153	Dental Theory III	3
DENT 154	Dental Theory IV	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		16

Second Year

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

Fall

COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (GEM 2)	3
Select one of the following lecture/lab combinations (Recommended General Education Elective): ¹		4-5
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BIOL 227 & 227L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	
CHEM 101 & 101L	Introduction to Chemistry and Introduction to Chemistry Lab	
CHEM 111 & 111L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	
HLTH 101	Medical Terminology (Recommended Elective) ²	3
Electives	Select 2-4 elective credits to bring the total credits earned to 60	2-4
Total Semester Credit Hours		13
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.