

Thanks for your interest in the Dental Assisting program at Central Carolina Community College. Our school uses a selective, point-based admissions process. The steps for application to the program are outlined below. Each year we accepted 12 students to start our program. We also select 6 qualified alternates in case any of the accepted students cannot start the program for some reason. We do not use a waiting list.

Step One: Apply to CCCC for admission (online applications are processed a little faster)

- Submit an application to the Admissions Office at www.cccc.edu and click where it says “Apply Now.”
- Complete placement testing requirements (acceptable scores on the placement test, ACT/SAT scores or finish the developmental courses OR complete college level Math and English)
- Send official copies of high school transcript and all college transcripts from all college courses attempted to the Admissions Office

Step Two: Stay in touch with the Dental admissions counselor

See the Dental admissions counselor to assist in selecting and scheduling courses and to set up an educational plan. You will also need to contact the Dental admissions counselor to schedule your mandatory information session.

Step Three: Attend a mandatory information session.

The information session dates are posted to the CCCC events calendar at www.cccc.edu. The information session includes a tour of the facilities, a presentation about the dental careers by the faculty and an explanation of the points-based admission process.

Step Four: Complete necessary courses and maintain appropriate GPA requirements

- Students are required to complete program prerequisites before submitting a consideration application to the program in January. Students must earn a grade of a C or higher **within 5 years** of the application date. These courses are (examples given in parenthesis):
 - Math (MAT 110, MAT 115, MAT 140, MAT 151, MAT 161)
 - Biology (BIO 163, BIO 175 or other BIO)
 - Computer Literacy (CIS 110 or CIS 111)
- Students are encouraged to complete curriculum courses required to graduate from the program, prior to starting the program. This helps to earn more points for the selective admission process and it also lightens the course load once accepted into the program. Please view a curriculum guide online at <http://www.cccc.edu/curriculum/majors/dental/> for a listing of these courses. The curriculum guide is a .pdf file on the right hand side of the page. A minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA from all courses taken within the past 5 years, as well as a 2.0 GPA from the most recent semester are the required GPAs to apply to the program.

Step Five: Complete CPR for Healthcare Provider course

CPR certification for the Health Care Provider including Adult, Infant, Child and AED must be valid at the time you apply to the program. You may find classes available at the American Heart Association or possibly through CCCC Continuing Education.

Step Six: Schedule an appointment to take the TEAS V.

The TEAS V is an entrance test for the health programs. It tests technical Math, English, Reading, and Science skills. There is a study guide with practice tests that students are strongly encouraged to utilize. The study guide can be purchased in the campus bookstore or online through www.atitesting.com. Students can take the TEAS V once they either pass the placement test or complete all developmental courses. Permission to test is given by the Dental admissions counselor. There is a \$35 fee for each testing attempt.

- The TEAS V can be taken three times in three years. The percentage correct obtain in the areas of Math, English, and Reading are used for the selective admissions process.
- The TEAS V scores are valid for three years and must be current at the time of application. If a student tests a third time, scores from the two most recent attempts will only be used.

Step Seven: Submit a Dental Assisting Program Application (last two weeks of January)

- Applications must be requested from and returned to the program admissions counselor.
- Initial applications are available starting mid-January and are due the last working day of the month. If the program does not fill in January then a second consideration will be done in May. If the program is still not full after the May consideration, we will do the last one in August.
- Applications must be complete in order to be considered by the admissions committee. A complete application includes:
 - Application on file to CCCC within past 12 months
 - Dental Assisting program application turned in by last day of the month
 - Transcripts on file (high school and all college transcripts)
 - Attendance at a Dental Programs information session is mandatory for application
 - Acceptable placement test scores or grades in developmental courses.
 - All three prerequisite courses taken with a C or better grade within the past 5 years
 - TEAS V scores on file within the past three years
 - Acceptable GPA (2.5 cumulative GPA and 2.0 last semester GPA)
 - Current Adult/Child/Infant/AED CPR certification
 - Acceptable TOEFL scores for non-US Citizens

It is not mandatory that students complete observation hours or work experience. However, we highly recommend that students complete observation hours to learn more about the profession and to obtain more points towards the selective admissions process.