CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Health Sciences

Program Planning Guide

Dental Assisting Diploma (D45240)

Program Length: 3 Semesters
Program Sites: Lee Main Campus
Career Pathway Options: Associate in Applied Science Technology Degree in Dental Hygiene

The Dental Assisting curriculum prepares individuals to assist the dentist in the delivery of dental treatment and to function as integral members of the dental team while performing chairside and related office and laboratory procedures.

Course work includes instruction in general studies, biomedical sciences, dental sciences, clinical sciences, and clinical practice. A combination of lecture, laboratory, and clinical experiences provide students with knowledge in infection/hazard control, radiography, dental materials, preventive dentistry, and clinical procedures.

Graduates are eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board Examination to become Certified Dental Assistants. As a Dental Assistant II, defined by the Dental Laws of North Carolina, graduates work in dental offices and other related areas.

Limited Enrollment Program:

This is a Limited-Enrollment program, which means the program has a set number of seats available for each entering class. The number of seats is based on factors such as classroom space, available clinical placements, accreditation requirements, and faculty resources. Students interested in this program will work with an Education Navigator to develop an academic plan and register for the courses needed to meet the minimum admission requirements. Once all minimum requirements are completed, a program application can be submitted. Qualified applicants are admitted in the order completed applications are received, as seats become available. For more information, visit the Limited-Enrollment Programs webpage.

Minimum Admission Requirements:

- ☐ Complete 10 credit hours of Pre-DA general education courses (see page 2).
- ☐ Complete BIO 106 with a B or better.
- ☐ Complete all other general education courses with a C or better.
- ☐ Have a minimum 2.5 GPA based on 10 credit hours of DA general education courses.

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Pre-DA General Education Requirements & Suggested Course Schedule:

Required Classes		Class	Lab	Clinical	Credits	Notes:
ACA 122	Transfer & Career Success	0	2	0	1	Seated or online
BIO 106	Intro to Intro to Anat/Phys/Micro	2	2	0	3	Seated (spring semester)
ENG 111	Writing & Inquiry	3	0	0	3	Seated or online
SOC 240	Social Psychology	3	0	0	3	Seated or online
	Total Semester Hours	**8**	**4**	**0**	**10**	

Approved Biology Substitution: Can substitute BIO 163, BIO 165/166, or BIO 168/169 for BIO 106

Upon acceptance into the Dental Assisting program, students will take the following courses:

Program Course Schedule		Class	Lab	Clinical	Credits	Notes:
1st Semester (fall)						
DEN 100	Basic Orofacial Anatomy	2	0	0	2	Online
DEN 101	Preclinical Procedures	4	6	0	7	Seated
DEN 102	Dental Materials	2	4	0	4	Seated
DEN 111	Infection/Hazard Control	2	0	0	2	Online
	Total Semester Hours	**10**	**10**	**0**	**15**	
2nd Semester (spring)						
DEN 103	Dental Sciences	2	0	0	2	Seated
DEN 104	Dental Health Education	2	2	0	3	Seated
DEN 106	Clinical Practice	2	0	12	6	Seated
DEN 112	Dental Radiology	2	3	0	3	Seated
	Total Semester Hours	**8**	**5**	**12**	**14**	

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3rd Semester (summer)						
DEN 105	Practice Management	2	0	0	2	Seated
DEN 107	Clinical Practice II	1	0	12	5	Seated
	Total Semester Hours	**3**	**0**	**12**	**7**	
Total General Education Semester Hours Credit: 10						
Total Program Semester Hours Credit: 36						
Total Semester Hours Credit Required for Graduation: 46						