

Dental Assisting

Associate in Applied Science
Health Sciences Division

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Upon completion of the Certificate of Achievement in Dental Assisting and additional courses with a grade of 2.0 or better, students are eligible to receive an Associate in Applied Science degree in Dental Assisting. Graduates of this program will complete requirements that qualify them to take the Michigan State Board Examination for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) and the National Board Examination to be a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA). This program is accredited by the Commission of Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, and the State of Michigan.

Requirements to complete the Certificate of Achievement in Dental Assisting are:

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

All of the following must be met in order to become eligible:

1. Be admitted to MCC and declare intent to enter the Dental Assisting Program.
2. Demonstrate College level reading comprehension on the ACCUPLACER placement test within the last 5 years, OR a minimum score of 20 on the reading portion of the ACT within the last 5 years. A satisfactory grade in RDNG 030 or ENGL 100 within the last 5 years will also meet this requirement.
3. Provide proof of high school graduation or GED.
4. Submit a current CPR card. The card must be either the BLS Health Care Provider (American Heart Association) or the Professional Rescuer (American Red Cross).
5. Maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 in eligibility requirement courses (see #6 for specific courses).
6. Complete ENGL 101 or 103 (English Composition), BIOL 150 (The Human Body) or BIOL 151 and BIOL 152 (Human Anatomy and Physiology), and COMM 131 (Fundamentals of Communication), with a "C" (2.0) grade or better.
7. Submit a Supplemental Application for the Dental Assisting Program after all of the Eligibility Requirements listed above have been completed.

Note: Conviction of a criminal offense may make graduates of the Dental Assisting Program ineligible to take their licensure (RDA) exam. All applicants for a health profession license or registration in Michigan are required to submit fingerprints and undergo a criminal background check. In addition, some clinical sites require students to complete criminal background checks and submit to drug screening procedures prior to the clinical experience. All background checks and drug screenings are at the student's expense.

Occupational Specialty Courses

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	CR	CT
DAST-110	Orientation to Dentistry	1	1
DAST-111	Infection Control for Dental Assistants	2	2
DAST-112	Dental and Oral Anatomy	2.5	2
DAST-112L	Dental & Oral Anatomy Lab	0	1
DAST-113	Dental Office Emergencies	1	1
DAST-115	Nutrition & Preventive Dentistry	1	1
DAST-116	Dental Materials	4	2
DAST-116L	Dental Materials Lab	0	4
DAST-117	Operative Techniques I	6	2
DAST-117C	Operative Techniques I Clinic	0	4
DAST-117L	Operative Techniques I Lab	0	4
DAST-120	Oral Pathology for Dental Assistants	1	1
DAST-121	Dental Jurisprudence	1	1
DAST-122	Pharmacology for Dental Assistants	1	1
DAST-123	Advanced Clinical Procedures	2	4
DAST-124	Expanded Functions for Dental Assistants	2.5	1
DAST-124L	Expanded Functions for Dental Assistants Lab	0	3
DAST-125	Operative Techniques II Clinic	2	4
DAST-126	Dental Specialities	2	2
DAST-127	Dental Business Practices	2	2
DAST-130	Operative Techniques Externship	7	1
DAST-130C	Operative Techniques III Clinical	0	18
DHDA-114	Dental Radiography	4	2
DHDA-114L	Dental Radiography Lab	0	4
GROUP TOTAL		42	70

Related Requirement Courses

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	CR	CT
ENGL-101	English Composition I	3	3
or ENGL-103	Composition for Technical Fields I	3	3
BIOL-150	The Human Body	4	3
and BIOL-150L	The Human Body Lab	0	2
or BIOL-151	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	3
and BIOL-151L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	0	3
and BIOL-152	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	3
and BIOL-152L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	0	3
COMM-131	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	3
GROUP TOTAL		15	19

Recommended Elective Courses

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	CR	CT
	Program does not specify Recommended Elective Courses for degree completion	0	0
GROUP TOTAL		0	0

General Education Requirements (minimum of 18 credits required)

English Composition (3 credits)

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	CR	CT
ENGL-101	English Composition I	3	3
or ENGL-103	Composition for Technical Fields I	3	3

Humanities (3 credits)

ENGL-102	English Composition II	3	3
or ENGL-104	Composition for Technical Fields II	3	3

Social Science (3 credits)

PSYC-281	General Psychology	3	3
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Mathematics (3-4 credits)

Students must demonstrate math competency by successful completion of a 100 level or higher Mathematics course with a 2.0 grade or better;
OR by recommendation to take MATH 130 or higher on the MCC Placement Test;
OR by scoring 25 or better on the math portion of the ACT.

Additional General Education Credits to Fulfill General Education Requirements

BIOL-150	The Human Body	4	3
and			
BIOL-150L	The Human Body Lab	0	2
or BIOL-151	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	3
and			
BIOL-151L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	0	3
and			
BIOL-152	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	3
and			
BIOL-152L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	0	3
COMM-131	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	3
GROUP TOTAL		18	18
PROGRAM TOTAL		67	99