

DENTAL ASSISTING, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT,

Full-time/Part-time Outcomes

- Perform basic side chair functions to facilitate completion of restorative and advanced operative procedures as allowed by the state dental act.
- Demonstrate knowledge of radiation safety and proficiency in exposing, processing, and mounting dental radiographs.
- Demonstrate knowledge of infection and hazard control in the lab/workplace.
- Perform basic office procedures necessary to assist in managing the dental practice.

Gainful Employment

While all of the educational programs at Truckee Meadows Community College are designed to lead to either employment or transfer, the Department of Education requires that we provide information on specific certificate programs. More information on Gainful Employment (<http://www.tmcc.edu/financial-aid/consumer-information/gainful-employment>) is available on the TMCC website. We hope this information is helpful to you as you make your career and educational choices.

Accreditation information is available on the Dental Assisting Website (<http://www.tmcc.edu/dental-assisting/accreditation>)

Special Admission Requirements and Procedures

For program application and admission information, please visit the **Dental Assisting Program Admission Procedures page**. (<http://www.tmcc.edu/dental-assisting/admission-procedures>)

Program completion time varies and depends on number of units taken per semester. Please contact the program coordinator at 775-673-7125 for more information.

The Dental Assisting Program offers a:

- Certificate of Achievement – Can be completed in 10-12 months, see certificate worksheet.
- Associate of Applied Science – Can be completed in 2 years, see degree worksheet.

Admission to the dental assisting AAS degree program and the certificate program is limited with special requirements and procedures.

Student progression in the program is contingent upon attaining a grade of “C” or better in all dental assisting curriculum. Courses are to be taken in the sequence outlined on the worksheet.

For additional program information please contact the program coordinator at 775-673-7125, or visit the Dental Assisting Program web site. (<http://www.tmcc.edu/dental-assisting>)

Certificates of Achievement are a set of courses that can serve as a stepping stone to an associate degree or allow students to enter

the workforce. Certificates of Achievement have a general education component.

To earn a Certificate of Achievement, students must:

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (see requirements for graduation.)
2. Complete a minimum of 15 semester credit hours within the college.
3. Satisfy General Education requirements for the AAS (<http://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aas>).
4. Have no financial or library obligation to the college.

Code	Title	Units
General Education Requirements		
It is recommended that the following courses be taken prior to entering the Dental Assisting Program. "C" or better required.		
<i>Communications</i>		
Required:		
ENG 101	Composition I	3
COM 113	Fundamentals of Speech Communications	3
<i>Human Relations</i>		[3]
Human Relations requirement is satisfied through embedded curriculum in the following: DA 110, DA 115, DA 119, DA 121, DA 123, DA 125, DA 135		
<i>Mathematics</i>		[3]
Mathematics requirement is satisfied through embedded curriculum in the following: DA 111, DA 117, DA 119 DA 121, DA 123, DA 127.		
<i>Social Science</i>		3
Required:		
PSY 101	General Psychology	
Certificate Requirements		
<i>Level I</i>		
DA 110	Orientation to Dental Assisting	1
DA 111	Dental Radiography I	3
DA 112	Dental/Head and Neck Anatomy	3
DA 115	Dental Health Education	1
DA 116	Preclinical Dental Science	1.5
DA 117	Dental Materials and Techniques I	2
DA 119	Dental Chairside Procedures	4
<i>Level II</i>		
DA 121	Dental Radiography II	2
DA 122	Clinical Dental Science	2
DA 123	Practice Management and Procedures	2
DA 125	Supervised Clinical I	4
DA 127	Dental Materials and Lab Techniques II	2
<i>Summer Session</i>		
DA 135	Supervised Clinical II	5
DA 137	Specialized Dental Assisting	1
Total Units		42.5

All certificate courses are to be taken in the sequence indicated. A grade of 75% or better is required in all certificate courses. Contact program coordinator for details.

Full-time

	Units
1st semester	
These General Education courses, ENG 101, COMM 113, and PYS 101 are required to be completed and can be taken before, during or after the dental core courses.	9
DA 110 Orientation to Dental Assisting (Certificate - Level I - Fall)	1
DA 111 Dental Radiography I (Certificate - Level I - Fall)	3
DA 112 Dental/Head and Neck Anatomy (Certificate - Level I - Fall)	3
DA 115 Dental Health Education (Certificate - Level I - Fall)	1
DA 116 Preclinical Dental Science (Certificate - Level I - Fall)	1.5
DA 117 Dental Materials and Techniques I (Certificate - Level I - Fall)	2
DA 119 Dental Chairside Procedures (Certificate - Level I - Fall)	4
Semester Total	24.5
2nd semester	
DA 121 Dental Radiography II (Certificate - Level II - Spring)	2
DA 122 Clinical Dental Science (Certificate - Level II - Spring)	2
DA 123 Practice Management and Procedures (Certificate - Level II - Spring)	2
DA 125 Supervised Clinical I (Certificate - Level II - Spring)	4
DA 127 Dental Materials and Lab Techniques II (Certificate - Level II - Spring)	2
Semester Total	12
3rd semester	
DA 135 Supervised Clinical II (Certificate - Level III - Summer)	5
DA 137 Specialized Dental Assisting (Certificate - Level III - Summer)	1
Semester Total	6
Total Units	42.5

Part-time

	Units
1st semester	
These General Education courses, ENG 101, COMM 113, and PYS 101, are required to be completed and can be taken before, during or after the dental core courses.	9
DA 110 Orientation to Dental Assisting (Certificate - Level I - Fall)	1
DA 112 Dental/Head and Neck Anatomy (Certificate - Level I - Fall)	3
DA 116 Preclinical Dental Science (Certificate - Level I - Fall)	1.5
Semester Total	14.5
2nd semester	
DA 122 Clinical Dental Science (Certificate - Level II - Spring)	2

DA 123 Practice Management and Procedures (Certificate - Level II - Spring)	2
Semester Total	4
3rd semester	
DA 111 Dental Radiography I (Certificate - Level III - Fall)	3
DA 115 Dental Health Education (Certificate - Level III - Fall)	1
DA 117 Dental Materials and Techniques I (Certificate - Level III - Fall)	2
DA 119 Dental Chairside Procedures (Certificate - Level III - Fall)	4
Semester Total	10
4th semester	
DA 121 Dental Radiography II (Certificate - Level IV - Spring)	2
DA 125 Supervised Clinical I (Certificate - Level IV - Spring)	4
DA 127 Dental Materials and Lab Techniques II (Certificate - Level IV - Spring)	2
Semester Total	8
5th semester	
DA 135 Supervised Clinical II (Certificate - Level V - Summer)	5
DA 137 Specialized Dental Assisting (Certificate - Level V - Summer)	1
Semester Total	6
Total Units	42.5