

# DENTAL ASSISTING, FULL-TIME/PART-TIME, COA

## Program Code: Dental Assisting-CoA

Note: This degree/certificate leads to professional licensure in Nevada. Licensing requirements vary by state/territory and relocating could impact whether you will meet eligibility requirements for licensure. If you do not live in Nevada and/or do not intend to seek employment in Nevada, then your application for admittance will be under review to determine eligibility for licensure in your state prior to acceptance into the program. Please visit our Professional Licensure Programs (<https://www.tmcc.edu/vpaa/professional-licensure-programs/>) page for full details on the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.

## Program Description

The TMCC Dental Assisting Program is a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) approved one-year (three semester) Certificate of Achievement program of classroom/laboratory instruction and clinical experience. The TMCC DA program prepares students to work as a clinical dental assistant and to take the nationally recognized Certified Dental Assisting board examination.

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

Dental Assisting Career Map (<https://sites.tmcc.edu/flipbook/career-maps/>)

## Recommended Course Schedule

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

#### 1st semester

These General Education courses are required to be completed and can be taken before, during or after the dental core courses.

English <sup>2</sup>	3	<b>Units</b>
Communications <sup>2</sup>	3	
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>6</b>	

#### 2nd semester

DA 110	Orientation to Dental Assisting	2
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	5
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>17.5</b>

#### 3rd semester

DA 121	Dental Radiography II	2
DA 122	Clinical Dental Science	2
DA 123	Practice Management and Procedures	2

DA 125	Supervised Clinical I	5
DA 127	Dental Materials and Lab Techniques II	2
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>13</b>

#### 4th semester

IMPORTANT: This is a Summer semester. The courses are only taught in summer.

DA 135	Supervised Clinical II	5
DA 137	Specialized Dental Assisting	1
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>42.5</b>

## Part-time

#### 1st semester

These General Education courses are required to be completed and can be taken before, during or after the dental core courses.

Communications	3	<b>Units</b>
English	3	
DA 110	Orientation to Dental Assisting	2
DA 112	Dental/Head and Neck Anatomy (Certificate - Level I - Fall)	3
DA 116	Preclinical Dental Science (Certificate - Level I - Fall)	1.5
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>12.5</b>

#### 2nd semester

DA 122	Clinical Dental Science (Certificate - Level II - Spring)	2
DA 123	Practice Management and Procedures (Certificate - Level II - Spring)	2
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>4</b>

#### 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)	5
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>11</b>

#### 4th semester

DA 121	Dental Radiography II (Certificate - Level IV - Spring)	2
DA 125	Supervised Clinical I (Certificate - Level IV - Spring)	5
DA 127	Dental Materials and Lab Techniques II (Certificate - Level IV - Spring)	2
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>9</b>

#### 5th semester

IMPORTANT: This is a Summer semester. The courses are only taught in summer.

DA 135	Supervised Clinical II (Certificate - Level V - Summer)	5
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DA 137	Specialized Dental Assisting (Certificate - Level V - Summer)	1
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>42.5</b>

<sup>2</sup> See program recommendations or requirements.

## 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/>)

## Program Requirements

Certificates of Achievement can be 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 Certificate of Achievement (<https://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aas/>).
4. Have no financial or library obligation to the college.

Code	Title	Units
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
<i>English</i>		3
Required:		
ENG 101	Composition I <sup>1</sup>	
or ENG 100	Composition Enhanced	
or ENG 113	Composition I for International and Multilingual Students	
<i>Communications</i>		3

Required:		
COM 113	Fundamentals of Speech Communications (This is the preferred communication course for the interpersonal aspect.)	
or		
ENG 102	Composition II	
or ENG 114	Composition II For International and Multilingual Students	
<i>Human Relations</i>		[3]
satisfied through embedded curriculum in the following: DA 110, DA 112, DA 125		
<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.		
Certificate Requirements		
DA 110	Orientation to Dental Assisting	2
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	5
DA 121	Dental Radiography II	2
DA 122	Clinical Dental Science	2
DA 123	Practice Management and Procedures	2
DA 125	Supervised Clinical I	5
DA 127	Dental Materials and Lab Techniques II	2
DA 135	Supervised Clinical II	5
DA 137	Specialized Dental Assisting	1
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>42.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> It is recommended that the following courses be taken prior to entering the Dental Assisting Program. "C" or better required.

## Program Outcomes

Students completing the certificate will:

PSLO1: Perform basic side chair functions to facilitate completion of restorative and advanced operative procedures as allowed by the state dental act.

PSLO2: Demonstrate knowledge of radiation safety and proficiency in exposing, processing, and mounting dental radiographs.

PSLO3: Demonstrate knowledge of infection and hazard control in the lab/workplace.

PSLO4: Perform basic office procedures necessary to assist in managing the dental practice.