

A.S. IN DENTAL ASSISTING

The Dental Assisting Program is a career technical program that prepares students for entry-level employment as a dental assistant. Upon completion, the graduate is prepared and eligible to sit for the California State Registered Dental Assistant Examination and the National Certification Examination to become licensed dental assistants. This program is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Accreditation and the Dental Board of California. Students must maintain a minimum grade of "C" (75%) in all dental courses.

Learning Outcomes

A.S. Degree Level Student Learning Outcomes

Students completing the Dental Assisting A.S. Degree will:

1. Use correct dental terminology and nomenclature in the correct context in order to effectively communicate dental information and concepts to others.
2. Develop problem-solving and self-assessment skills and make appropriate decisions regarding a variety of procedural situations.
3. Demonstrate the ability to interact with patients and work effectively as a member of the dental team.
4. Maintain the standard of care during dental treatment and promote oral health.
5. Develop the ability to use and adapt to current technology used in dental practices.
6. Demonstrate proficiency in the current duties of an RDA, practicing within the delegated duties (scope of practice).
7. Develop foundational knowledge of dental procedures and the ability to communicate and apply their concepts and principles.

Requirements

Students receiving this degree must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete the District General Education Pattern (<http://catalog.citruscollege.edu/programs-study/graduation-requirements-associate-degree/general-education-requirements-option-i/>), CSUGE (<http://catalog.citruscollege.edu/programs-study/graduation-requirements-associate-degree/general-education-requirements-transfer-csu-csuge-option-ii/>) or IGETC (<http://catalog.citruscollege.edu/programs-study/graduation-requirements-associate-degree/general-education-requirements-transfer-csu-uc-igetc-option-iii/>).
If transferring to a CSU or UC students are strongly recommended to complete the CSUGE or IGETC General Education Patterns. Students looking to transfer to an out of state or private college should consult with a counselor for the appropriate GE pattern selection.
2. Complete with a "C" or better each course as specified by the major.
3. Maintain an overall GPA of a 2.0 or better in all degree applicable coursework.
4. Meet the local area requirement of Kinesiology/Dance.
5. Meet the 12-unit residency requirement.

Code	Title	Units
Required courses:		
DENT 100	Dental Assisting Basics	2.5

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DENT 102	Dental Materials	3
DENT 104	Chairside Assisting	4
DENT 121	Human Anatomy for the Dental Professional	2
DENT 122	Infection Control in the Dental Office	1.5
DENT 123	Healthcare for the Dental Patient	2
DENT 125	Dental Practice Management	2
DENT 201	Dental Radiology	2
DENT 202	Advanced Dental Specialties	4
DENT 203	Dental Practice Experience	5.5
DENT 204	Preventative Clinical Procedures	1
DENT 205	RDA/CDA Exam Review	2
Total Units		31.5

Curriculum Map

2-Year Curriculum Map Example

This map represents one possible pathway through the program and is only for reference.

*It is highly recommended that you make an appointment (<https://www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrvcounsel/Pages/ApptSchedule.aspx>) to create a customized education plan that fits your needs.

Note: Co-requisite MATH course (2 units) and/or substitute ENGL 101E (5 units) may be needed based on placement.

Course	Title	Units
Fall Term 1		
DENT 100	Dental Assisting Basics	2.5
DENT 102	Dental Materials	3
DENT 104	Chairside Assisting	4
DENT 121	Human Anatomy for the Dental Professional	2
DENT 122	Infection Control in the Dental Office	1.5
DENT 124	Dental Specialties	2
DENT 201	Dental Radiology	2
Units		17
Winter Term 1		
DENT 125	Dental Practice Management	2
Units		2
Spring Term 1		
DENT 203	Dental Practice Experience	5.5
DENT 123	Healthcare for the Dental Patient	2
DENT 202	Advanced Dental Specialties	4
DENT 204	Preventative Clinical Procedures	1
Units		12.5
Summer Term 1		
ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H	Reading and Composition or Reading and Composition - Honors	4
Units		4
Fall Term 2		
BIOL 105 or BIOL 105H	General Biology or General Biology - Honors	4
SPCH 101 or SPCH 101H	Public Address or Public Address - Honors	3

Course	Title	Units
MATH 165 or MATH 165H	Introductory Statistics or Introductory Statistics - Honors	4
Units		11
Winter Term 2		
HIST 107 or HIST 107H or HIST 108 or HIST 108H	History of the United States before 1877 or History of the United States before 1877 - Honors or History of the United States since 1877 or History of the United States since 1877 - Honors	3
Units		3
Spring Term 2		
KIN 173	Introduction to Nutrition	3
PSY 101 or PSY 101H	Introduction to Psychology or Introduction to Psychology - Honors	3
ARCH 250 or ARCH 251 or ART 100 or ART 105 or ART 108 or ART 110 or ART 199 or ART 199H or DANC 102 or MUSE 113 or THEA 101 or THEA 101H	History of Architecture: Prehistory to Mannerism or History of Architecture: Baroque to the Present Day or Art History - Fundamentals of Global Art History or Art History - Topics in Contemporary Art or History of Photography or Introduction to the Visual Arts or Motion Picture Appreciation or Motion Picture Appreciation - Honors or History of Dance or History of Rock and Roll or Introduction to Theatre Arts or Introduction to Theatre Arts - Honors	3
ENGL 290 or ENGL 293 or ENGL 293H or ENGL 298 or KIN 166 or PHIL 101 or SOC 130	Ethnic Voices in Film or Children's Literature or Children's Literature - Honors or Literature of the Bible or American Food And Culture: Global Origins, History, and Current Impacts or Great Religions of the World or Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	3
Units		12
Total Units		61.5

Career Information

Career Opportunities

There are a variety of careers you can do with this major.

To explore more about this major, schedule an appointment (<https://www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrvtcenter/Pages/ApptSchedule.aspx>) with a career counselor.