

# DENT 203: DENTAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

## Citrus College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Effective Term:	Fall 2021
Credits:	5.5
Total Contact Hours:	300
Lab Hours:	300
Hours Arranged:	0
Prerequisite:	DENT 102, DENT 122, DENT 124, and DENT 201.
Transferable to CSU:	No
Transferable to UC:	No
Grading Method:	Pass/No Pass

## Catalog Course Description

This course provides the student with the opportunity for application and performance of acquired knowledge and skills while assuming the role of a chairside assistant in a dental school setting or private dental office. This course may be taken two times. Offered for Pass/No Pass grading only. 300 lab hours.

## Course Objectives

- apply knowledge learned in the formal academic program to the work environment
- perform in a professional and competent manner those traditional and expanded chairside duties legally delegated to the dental assistant and the registered dental assistant
- assume increasing responsibility with less supervision and instruction required
- expose and process all dental radiographs with little supervision
- demonstrate the ability to be part of the dental team in terms of communication, initiative, and productivity
- communicate effectively with the dental patient
- evaluate performance

## Major Course Content

See lab content.

## Lab Content

1. Orientation
  - a. Review chairside techniques and skills
  - b. Guidelines and policies for professional conduct
  - c. Course requirements
2. General Dental Practice
  - a. Orientation to office policies
  - b. Patient management
    - i. answering telephone
    - ii. seating a patient
    - iii. professional conduct
    - iv. terminology

- c. Sterilization and disinfection
- d. Chairside procedures
- e. General office procedures
- f. Front office procedures
- g. Radiographs
  - i. exposing
  - ii. processing
  - iii. mounting
  - iv. digital
3. Specialty Dental Practice
  - a. Orientation to office policies
  - b. Patient management in pertaining to specialty patients
    - i. oral maxillofacial surgery
    - ii. orthodontic practice
    - iii. pediatric practice
    - iv. periodontic practice
    - v. geriatric practice
    - vi. compromised patients
  - c. General office policies
  - d. Chairside assisting techniques for specialty dentistry
    - i. oral maxillofacial surgery
    - ii. orthodontic
    - iii. pediatric
    - iv. periodontic
  - e. Radiographs
    - i. exposing
    - ii. processing
    - iii. mounting
    - iv. digital

## Suggested Reading Other Than Required Textbook

As needed.

## Examples of Required Writing Assignments

Write weekly reports describing assisting activities Write evaluation of skill development

## Examples of Outside Assignments

Students will be required to complete the following types of assignments outside of the regular class time: Practice/review skills Write weekly reports describing assisting activities Write evaluation of skill development

## Instruction Type(s)

Lab, Online Education Lab