CERTIFICATE 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

Certificate of Achievement Level Student Learning Outcomes

Students completing the Dental Assisting Certificate of Achievement 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 with 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

Code	Title	Units
Required courses:		
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 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	6
DENT 204	Preventative Clinical Procedures	1
DENT 205	RDA/CDA Exam Review	2
Total Units		**32**

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/studentservices/supportservices/career/counselingappointments.html) with a career counselor.