

DENTAL ASSISTING

Vocational Certificate Major Code 5217

Starting in the Fall of 2013, the Dental Assisting Program will change to an Advanced Technical Diploma (ATD)

Program Description

A career in Dental Assisting has developed into a rewarding and challenging opportunity for men and women of today. A Dental Assistant is a member of a highly qualified health team, working to improve the health of the community. The varied duties and responsibilities of the dental assistant require knowledge of the basic dental sciences, proficiency in office management procedures, and practical experience involving specialized skill

It is a 10-month full-time day program. Successful completion of this program enables students to receive a dental assisting Post Secondary Adult Vocational Certificate (PSAV), enables the student to take the Dental Assisting National Board (CDA) and have expanded duties certification according to the Board of Dentistry of the State of Florida. The Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association accredits the Dental Assisting Program, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education. Broward College's Dental Assisting program is listed in the Florida Department of Education database of post-secondary courses at public vocational-technical centers, community colleges, universities and participating non-public institutions. A final grade of "C" or higher must be achieved in each Dental Assisting course for continuance in the Program. A student who withdraws or is withdrawn from a Dental course shall refer to College Policy 6Hx2-5.33 and Procedure A6Hx2-5.33 on Re-entry into a Health Sciences Program and/or program guidelines.

Entrance Requirements for the 2013-14 ATD Program

- HS Diploma or GED
- PERT
The PERT test places students into preparatory level reading, writing and math courses designed to prepare them for college-level coursework. Recent ACT or SAT score may also be used for placement. For more information, see www.broward.edu/admissions/testing/. Students who test into college prep courses must successfully complete all of the required coursework to qualify for graduation.
- This program has a limited number of seats available per year and students are selected based upon the criteria announced online at www.broward.edu/admissions/Pages/Health-Sciences-Admissions.aspx.

Requirements for the Dental Assisting Vocational Certificate (2013):

- Students shall complete an entry-level basic skills examination, TABE, within the first six (6) weeks after admission into the program (State Board of Education rule 6A-10.040)
- Students must meet the TABE test score requirements at the time of graduation.
- Students must take the Certified Dental Assisting (CDA) dental assisting national board examination through DANB the Dental Assisting National Board prior to program completion
- Complete 1,209 clock hours and 6 semester hours of credit with a certificate grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
- Complete the following courses with a grade of "C" or higher:

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<i>Term I</i>	<i>Clock Hours</i>	<i>Term II</i>	
DEA0025	60	DES0831	30
DEA0025L	120	DES0831L	60
DEA0000	30	DES0801	30
DES0021	45	DES0801L	165
DES0103	35	DEA0130	30
DES0103L	45	DES0501	39
DES0844	40	DES0400	30
DES0205	40	DEA0150	30
DES0205L	60		<i>Semester Hours</i>
DES0830	60	SPC1024	3
	<i>Total Term Clock Hours</i>	ENC1101	3
	<i>535</i>		<i>Total Term Clock Hours</i>
			<i>414</i>
			<i>Total Term Semester Hours</i>
			<i>6</i>
		<i>Term III</i>	<i>Clock Hours</i>
		DES0802	30
		DES0802L	135
			<i>Total Term Clock Hours</i>
			<i>165</i>
			<i>Pre Health Core hours</i>
			<i>95</i>
			<i>Total Program Clock Hours</i>
			<i>1,114</i>
			<i>Total Program Semester Hours (6 cr)</i>
			<i>96</i>
			<i>Total PSAV Certificate Hours</i>
			<i>1,305</i>

* Requires a pre- or co-requisite. See the course description online at www.broward.edu/zext/ext/CourseDescDepartmentList.jsp.

Students are exempt from taking this course if they received a grade of "C" or higher in all of the following courses:

BSC2085	Anatomy and Physiology I *
BSC2085L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab *
BSC2086	Anatomy and Physiology II *
BSC2086L	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab *

It is strongly recommended that students see an advisor every term.