

Applied Technology Diploma in Dental Assisting Program Code B007

Program Description: The Applied Technology Diploma (ATD) Dental Assisting Program is designed to prepare the student for a career as a certified dental assistant. The goal of the Broward College Dental Assisting program is to prepare knowledgeable, considerate, and culturally sensitive dental assisting graduates whose professional training encompasses legal and ethical decision making. The Dental Department is committed to providing a dental assisting program that is accessible to a diverse community of learners. The dedicated faculty provides a collaborative teaching-learning environment to promote critical thinking and lifelong learning.

The Dental Assisting program is a 12-month, full-time, daytime program. Successful completion of this program enables students to receive a dental assisting Applied Technology Diploma (ATD). Students completing the ATD program will be awarded 50 college credits. Students are required to take the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) examination prior to completion of the program. Successful completion of the Dental Assisting program enables the students to receive the Expanded Duties and Dental Radiographer Certifications according to the Board of Dentistry of the State of Florida.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) of the American Dental Association accredits the Dental Assisting program. CODA is 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.

Career Pathway: Health Sciences

ATD Program Entrance Requirements: The Applied Technology Diploma in Dental Assisting is a limited access program. Admission to the college does not guarantee admission into the program. Students are required to complete a supplemental application and meet specific criteria. There are a limited number of students admitted to the program each year. Please refer to the Health Science Admissions information included in Appendix C of the catalog for specific admissions requirements. Students can also access admissions requirements online at www.broward.edu/healthsciences. Students must complete the following six credits before applying to the program:

ENC1101	Composition I	3
SPC1024	Intro to Speech Communication	or
SPC1608	Intro to Public Speaking	3

Students must also take the A2 HESI test for dental assisting and achieve the following minimum scores:

- 75% Reading Comprehension
- 50% Math

After admission, students are required to complete the Basic Life Support (CAE0062) course. The due date for the course is given in the mandatory, general orientation meeting prior to the beginning of the program.

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Additional Program Information: One cohort of 36 students is admitted each June.

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.

Students are exempt from taking DES1404 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

***The exemption must be approved by the health science advisor

Related Industry Certifications: Students will be eligible to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board Examination (DANB) and must take the examination prior to program completion.

Location(s): General Education courses can be taken at any college location. The program specific courses are only taught on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. Please consult the course schedule for specific semester locations.

Contact information: Program contact information can be found at <http://www.broward.edu/academics/programs/dental/Pages/default.aspx>

Related Programs at Broward College:

Dental Hygiene Associate of Science (2145)
 Dental Assisting Associate of Science (2215)

General Education Credit Hours	6
ENC1101 Composition I	3
SPC1024 Introduction to Speech Communication	or
SPC1608 Introduction to Public Speaking	3
 ATD Dental Assisting Core Requirements	 44
DEA1003 Introduction to Dentistry	3
DES1020 Dental Anatomy and Physiology	3
DEA1030 Preclinical	4
DEA1030L Preclinical Laboratory	2
DES1100 Dental Materials	2
DES1100L Dental Materials Laboratory	1
DES1840 Preventive Dentistry	2
DES1840L Preventive Dentistry Lab	1
DES1200 Dental Radiography	3
DES1200L Dental Radiography Laboratory	1

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DES1832	Expanded Functions I	1
DES1832L	Expanded Function I Laboratory	1
DES1833	Expanded Functions II	2
DES1833L	Expanded Functions II Lab	1
DES1805	Clinical Procedures I	2
DES1805L	Clinical Procedures I Lab	3
DEA1131	Allied Dental Theory	2
DES1502	Dental Office Management	2
DES1404	Basic Anatomy and Physiology	2
DEA1155	Dental Psychology	2
DES1807	Clinical Procedures II	1
DES1807L	Clinical Procedures II Lab	3
Total Program Credit Hours		50

Mandatory Course Sequencing

First year Term I (Summer – May)

ENC1101	Composition I	3
SPC1024	Introduction to Speech Communication	or
SPC1608	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
Total Term Credit Hours		6

Fist Year Term I (Summer - June)

DEA1003	Introduction to Dentistry	3
DES1020	Dental Anatomy and Physiology	3
Total Term Credit Hours		5

First Year Term II (Fall)

DEA1030	Preclinical	4
DEA1030L	Preclinical Laboratory	2
DES1100	Dental Materials	2
DES1100L	Dental Materials Laboratory	1
DES1840	Preventive Dentistry	2
DES1840L	Preventive Dentistry Lab	1
DES1200	Dental Radiography	3
DES1200L	Dental Radiography Laboratory	1
DES1832	Expanded Functions I	1
DES1832L	Expanded Function I Laboratory	1
Total Term Credit Hours		18

First Year Term III (Spring)

DES1833	Expanded Functions II	2
DES1833L	Expanded Functions II Lab	1
DES1805	Clinical Procedures I	2
DES1805L	Clinical Procedures I Lab	3
DEA1131	Allied Dental Theory	2
DES1502	Dental Office Management	3

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DES1404	Basic Anatomy and Physiology#	2
DEA1155	Dental Psychology	2
	Total Term Credit Hours	17

First Year Term IV (Summer – May)

DES1807	Clinical Procedures II	1
DES1807L	Clinical Procedures II Lab	3
	Total Term Credit Hours	4

Total Program Credit Hours 50

Notes: Many courses have specific pre-requisite and co-requisite requirements that must be followed. Students are encouraged to consult the Course Information Table for a detailed list of all requisite requirements.

This program has mandatory course sequencing.

Students are strongly encouraged to meet with an advisor to create an educational plan.