

DENTAL ASSISTING
Vocational Certificate Major Code 5217

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 skills.

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 A student who withdraws or is withdrawn from a Dental course shall refer to College Policy 6Hx2-5.33 and Procedure A6Hx2-5.33 on Re-entry into a Health Sciences Program and/or program guidelines.

Admission information can be obtained at 954-201-6111. Applicants should call the associate dean at (954) 201-6904 for additional information. Program is offered at Health Sciences, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus.

General Entrance Requirements

- HS Diploma or GED
- TABE‡

‡ The TABE test, or Test of Adult Basic Education, is used to demonstrate the level of basic education in English and Math require by the program. The TABE test must be (first) taken prior to the end of the sixth week of the program and student must successfully complete the TABE test in order to graduate. For more details, visit <https://www.broward.edu/testing/#tabe>.

Criteria for Admission to the Dental Assisting Program:

- Applicants must complete requirements for admission to the Health Science Programs.
- Student sign off required on Program Overview written information
- Applicants are accepted based on the date of the completed application, the signed Program Overview & the number of seats available. Applicants who are not admitted must reapply for the following year.
- Applicants must complete the Pre-Health Core requirements (HCP 0001, HSC 0405, HSC 0591, HSC 0691, HSC 0522, formerly HCP 0130, CAE0299, CAE0382, CAE0474, and CAE0476) prior to admission to the program

Requirements for the Dental Assisting Vocational Certificate:

- 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:

<i>Term I</i>	<i>Clock Hours</i>
*DEA 0025 Preclinical	60
*DEA 0025L Preclinical Laboratory	120
*DEA 0000 Introduction to Dentistry	30
*DES 0021 Dental Anatomy and Physiology	45
*DES 0103 Dental Materials	35
*DES 0103L Dental Materials Laboratory	45
*DES 0844 Preventive Dentistry	40
*DES 0205 Dental Radiography	40
*DES 0205L Dental Radiography Laboratory	60
*DES 0830 Expanded Functions I	60
<i>Total Term Clock Hours</i>	<i>535</i>

<i>Term II</i>	<i>Clock Hours</i>
*DES 0831 Expanded Functions II	30
*DES 0831L Expanded Functions II Lab	60
*DES 0801 Clinical Procedures I	30
*DES 0801L Clinical Procedures I Lab	165
*DEA 0130 Allied Dental Theory	30
*DES 0501 Dental Office Management	39
#DES 0400 Basic Anatomy and Physiology	30
*DEA 0150 Dental Psychology	30
<i>Total Term Clock Hours</i>	<i>414</i>
	<i>Credit Hours</i>
SPC 1024 Introduction to Speech	3
*ENC 1101 Composition I	3
<i>Total Term Credit Hours</i>	<i>6</i>

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<i>Term III</i>	<i>Clock Hours</i>
*DES 0802 Clinical Procedures II	30
*DES 0802L Clinical Procedures II Lab	135
<i>Total Term Clock Hours</i>	165
 <i>Pre Health Core hours</i>	 95
<i>Total Program Clock Hours</i>	1,114
<i>Total Program Semester Hours (6 ct)</i>	96
<i>Total PSAV Certificate Hours</i>	1,305

*Requires a pre- or co-requisite. See the course description online at www.broward.edu.

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

- *BSC 1085 Anatomy and Physiology I
- *BSC 1085L Anatomy and Physiology I Lab
- *BSC 1086 Anatomy and Physiology II
- *BSC 1086L Anatomy and Physiology II Lab

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