

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 Certificate of Achievement and enables the student to take the Dental Assisting National Board and have expanded duties certification. 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. 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 A student who withdraws or is withdrawn from a Dental course shall contact the Health Science Admissions Department in order to be readmitted to a Program. Readmission to a Program will be based upon space availability. Only one readmission will be allowed. The readmitted student must maintain a "C" or higher in each Dental course to continue in a Program. The student receiving a grade of D OR F in any course after readmission will result in permanent dismissal from the BC Dental Programs.

Admission information can be obtained at 954-201-2890. Applicants should call the associate dean at (954) 201-6904 for additional information. Program is offered at Health Sciences, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus.

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
- Written interview – applicant must contact the department at 954-201-6448 to set up the appointment time for this
- Selection process is based on the following: completed application, Program Overview sign-off, and written interview
- Applicants must complete the Pre-Health Core requirements (HCP 0130, CAE 0299, CAE 0382, CAE 0474, and CAE 0476) prior to admission to the program.

Requirements for the Dental Assisting Vocational Certificate:

- Students must meet the TABE test score requirements at the time of graduation.
- 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 0020 Dental Anatomy and Physiology	45
*DES 0100 Dental Materials	35
*DES 0100L Dental Materials Laboratory	45
*DES 0840 Preventive Dentistry	40
*DES 0200 Dental Radiography	40
*DES 0200L 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 0502 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>

Semester Hours

SPC 1024	Introduction to Speech	3
*ENC 1101	Composition I	3
Total Term Semester Hours		6

Term III		Clock Hours
*DES 0802	Clinical Procedures II	30
*DES 0802L	Clinical Procedures II Lab	135
Total Term Clock Hours		165

Pre Health Core hours	95
Total Program Clock Hours	1,114
Total Program Semester Hours (6 cr)	96
Total PSAV Certificate Hours	1,305

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

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

#Students are exempt from taking this course if they received a grade of "C" or higher in 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