

DENTAL ASSISTANT - CDA TO RDA COMPLETION OPTION

NMC Code 070

This option is for the dental assistant who has two or more years of dental assisting experience and is a current Certified Dental Assistant (CDA), who must have passed all three portions of the Dental Assisting National Board Exam.

Applicants will receive college credit for passing the DANB (CDA) examination. Students will be required to attend limited classes during the spring semester with a focus on learning and practicing Michigan's expanded dental assistant duties. Dental offices may be asked to assist with some of the evaluations. After successful completion of the 10 credit hours, students can apply to take the Registered Dental Assistant examination in the State of Michigan.

Admission to the CDA to RDA Completion Option is based on space availability. Students should contact the program director for more information.

Note: All individuals applying for a healthcare license in the State of Michigan are required to undertake a criminal background check and submit fingerprinting. The Bureau of Health Professions will determine if a candidate is eligible to take the Registered Dental Assistant Examination.

Admission requirements

Enrollment in any Dental Assistant (HDA) course requires admission to the dental assistant program or approval from the dental assistant program director.

The following are required for admission:

1. Meet with program director
2. Submission of a current CDA license
3. Submission of current/valid Certified Dental Assistant Certificate from the Dental Assisting National Board Examination (DANB)
4. Submission of current CPR certification (AHA or ARC Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers)
5. High school **or** college transcript 2.0 minimum GPA, **or** successful GED completion
6. Mathematics: Math competency may be fulfilled by completing MTH 100 Quantitative Literacy with a grade of 2.0 or better, **or** placement into any math course higher than MTH 100 Quantitative Literacy
7. Communications: Placement into ENG 111 English Composition/ENG 11 English/Writing Methods English/Writing Methods or higher

Requirements certificate requirements

Course	Title	Credits
HDA 240	Chairside Procedures	5
HDA 241	Chairside Procedures Lab	2
HDA 282	CDA/RDA Written Exam Prep	2
HDA 286	RDA Clinical Exam Prep	1

CDA Credit	31.5
Total Credits	41.5

Note: A grade of 2.0 or higher is required in HDA and HAH courses.

Course Sequence Guide placement requirements

Program admission requires a 2.0 minimum GPA on high school or college transcripts, or successful GED completion.

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General information

- An overall GPA of 2.0 must be maintained throughout the program.
- A 2.0 grade or higher is required in all HDA and HAH classes.