DENTAL ASSISTANT, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT (LEVEL II)

NMC Code 070

The following coursework must be taken in order to qualify for the Certificate of Achievement in Dental Assisting. Completion of the program qualifies students for the state board exam. After passing the exam, they may practice as Registered Dental Assistants. In addition, program completers are eligible for the National Certification Exam, which is recognized nationwide. While the associate degree is not required for either of these exams, students can complete the associate degree after completion of the certificate.

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. High school ***or*** college transcript 2.0 minimum GPA, ***or*** successful GED completion.
2. 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.
3. Communications: Placement into ENG 111 English Composition/ENG 11 English/Writing Methods or higher.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
BUS 155 or COM 111	Interpersonal Communications or Public Speaking	3-4
HAH 120	Infection Control	2
HDA 101	Introduction to Dentistry	2
HDA 102	Introduction to Dentistry Lab	1
HDA 112	Dental Materials	2
HDA 113	Dental Materials Lab	1
HDA 120	Dental Anatomy	3
HDA 140	Oral Pathology/Pharmacology	2
HDA 150	Dental Office Management	2
HDA 160	Dental Emergencies	1
HDA 170	Preventive Dentistry	2
HDA 240	Chairside Procedures	5
HDA 241	Chairside Procedures Lab	2
HDA 242	Dental Radiography	2
HDA 243	Dental Radiography Lab	1.5
HDA 282	CDA/RDA Written Exam Prep	2
HDA 286	RDA Clinical Exam Prep	1
HDA 290	Dental Assistant Internship	6
HPD 110	BLS for Health Care Providers (or equivalent) [1, 2]	(0.2)
Total Credits		**40.5-41.5**

[1] Equivalent classes are AHA or ARC Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers

[2] These credits do not count toward degree requirements

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
Mathematics: Math competency may be fulfilled by completing MTH 100 Quantitative Literacy with a 2.0 or better, or placement into any math course higher than MTH 100 Quantitative Literacy
Communications: Placement into ENG 111 English Composition/ENG 11 English/Writing Methods

Model Schedule

Course	Title	Credits
Fall		
HPD 110	BLS for Health Care Providers (CPR or equivalent)	(0.2)
HAH 120	Infection Control	2
HDA 101	Introduction to Dentistry	2
HDA 102	Introduction to Dentistry Lab	1
HDA 120	Dental Anatomy	3
HDA 150	Dental Office Management	2
HDA 160	Dental Emergencies	1
HDA 242	Dental Radiography (Lecture)	2
HDA 243	Dental Radiography Lab (Lab)	1.5
BUS 155 or COM 111	Interpersonal Communications [1] or Public Speaking	3-4
	Credits	**17.5-18.5**
Spring		
HDA 112	Dental Materials (Lecture)	2
HDA 113	Dental Materials Lab (Lab)	1
HDA 140	Oral Pathology/Pharmacology	2
HDA 170	Preventive Dentistry	2
HDA 240	Chairside Procedures (Lecture)	5
HDA 241	Chairside Procedures Lab (Lab)	2
HDA 282	CDA/RDA Written Exam Prep	2
HDA 286	RDA Clinical Exam Prep	1
	Credits	**17**
Summer		
HDA 290	Dental Assistant Internship	6
	Credits	**6**
	Total Credits	**40.5-41.5**

[1] Recommended to be taken prior to entering the program, or fall or spring semester while in the program.

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.