Dental Assisting
Diploma Program
DA12

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Curriculum

Basic Skills – Total of **9 Hours**
- ENGL 1010 Fundamentals of English I (3)
- MATH 1012 Foundations of Mathematics (3)
- PSYC 1010 Basic Psychology (3)

Program-Specific Core – Total of **46 Hours**
- COMP 1000 Introduction to Computers (3)
- ALHS 1040 Introduction to Healthcare (3)

DENA 1010 Basic Human Biology (1) - **OR** -
- ALHS 1011 Structure/Function – Human Body (5)

DENA 1030 Preventative Dentistry (2)
DENA 1050 Microbiology Infection Control (3)
DENA 1080 Dental Anatomy (5)
DENA 1340 D A I – General Chairside (6)
DENA 1070 Oral Pathology/Therapeutics (2)
DENA 1350 D A II – Dental Spec/EFDA Skills (7)
DENA 1390 Dental Radiology (4)
DENA 1460 Dental Practicum I (1)
DENA 1470 Dental Practicum II (1)
DENA 1090 Dental Assisting NBE Prep (1)
DENA 1400 Dental Practice Management (2)
DENA 1480 Dental Practicum III (5)

Total: **55 Hours**
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Program Description
The Dental Assisting accredited diploma program prepares students for employment in a variety of positions in today’s dental offices. The Dental Assisting program provides learning opportunities which introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Additionally, the program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills or to retrain in the area of dental assisting. Graduates of the program receive a Dental Assisting diploma and are eligible to sit for a national certification examination.

Program Specific Information
Students will be accepted into the diploma program on a first-come basis. Students must complete all core classes prior to beginning occupational courses. Students are accepted every semester for core courses based on course and space availability.
Occupational course cohorts begin each Summer semester.
Students must complete ALL COURSES with a grade of C or higher in order to graduate.

Additional Entrance Requirements
See program webpage for information.

Industry Certification Preparation
Dental Assisting National Board Examination Preparation
Georgia Dental Association Expanded Duties Registration

Program Length & Availability
4 Semesters
Campus Availability: Oakwood

Admissions Requirements
• Must be 17 years of age.
• High school diploma or GED is required prior to admission.  
  (Official transcripts or GED scores must be submitted from all colleges and/or high schools attended for credit.)
• ACCUPLACER Testing, or submit SAT, ACT, CPE, COMPASS, or ASSET test scores.

Financial Aid
This program is eligible for the Pell Grant and may be eligible for Institutional and State Financial Aid.
Contact a Financial Aid Counselor for eligibility requirements and application materials.