

Dental Assisting Program Information

Program Location:

Marietta Campus

Program Starts:

Program begins every Fall Semester

Dental Assisting Program Admission:

Students seeking admission to the Dental Assisting Program must be fully admitted to the college. No prerequisite courses are needed. Students must be 18 years of age by start of clinicals (Fall C Term). Students will be required to provide immunization records and complete a drug screen and criminal background check before they can participate in the clinical education required for this program.

STEP 1:

Prior to applying to the Dental Assisting program, all prospective students must first apply via the Chattahoochee Tech website to the college. Once admitted, students will be given a student ID number, allowing for registration to offered classes. Applying to the College in no way guarantees a seat in the Dental Assisting Program, even if that is the declared program of study on the college application.

STEP 2:

Register for classes. Seats for the Dental Assisting program open in the fall for a new cohort. The program roster is filled on a first come, first served basis. The class roster fills quickly so students need to be prepared to register for classes when fall registration opens. Students that miss payment deadlines are dropped from the Dental Assisting roster and the seat then becomes vacant. Students are sometimes accepted to a different Health Sciences program that may be a first choice. If so, then in dropping the Dental Assisting program to accept a seat in another program leaves a vacant seat. Check often as the roster changes throughout the process and a seat may become available.

Registering for Dental Assisting Coursework:**Basic Dental Assisting Courses:**

Students will earn the Basic Dental certificate by successfully completing the following courses. After successfully completing these courses, students will also be eligible to enroll in the Advanced Dental Assisting certificate.

Course	Basic Dental Assisting	Credit Hours
DENA 1050	Microbiology & Infection Control	3
DENA 1340	Dental Assisting I: General Chairside	6
DENA 1080	Dental Anatomy	4
DENA 1460	Dental Practicum I	1

Advanced Dental Assisting Courses:

Students who successfully complete the following Dental Assisting courses will earn an Advanced Dental Assisting Certificate.

Course	Advanced Dental Assisting	Credit Hours
DENA 1350	Dental Assisting II: Dental Specialties and EFDA Skills	7
DENA 1390	Dental Radiology	4
DENA 1030	Preventive Dentistry	1
DENA 1400	Dental Practice Management	2
DENA 1470	Dental Practicum II	1

Dental Assisting Expanded Duties Courses:

Students seeking to obtain the Dental Assisting Expanded Duties must complete the following practicum course outlined below.

Course	Expanded Duties	Credit Hours
DENA 1480	Dental Practicum III	5

Dental Assisting Diploma Option:

Students seeking to obtain the Dental Assisting Diploma must complete two additional dental assisting courses as well as the general education courses outlined below. The additional coursework may be completed at any time. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

Course	Additional Assisting Courses	Credit Hours
DENA 1070	Oral Pathology and Pharmacology	2
DENA 1090	Dental Assisting National Board Examination Preparation	1

General Education Courses for Diploma Option:

Course	General Education Courses	Credit Hours
PSYC 1010 or PSYC 1101	Basic Psychology Introduction to Psychology	3 3
MATH 1012 or MATH 1111	Foundations of Mathematics College Algebra	3 3
ENGL 1010 or ENGL 1101	Fundamentals of English I Composition and Rhetoric	3 3
COMP 1000	Introduction to Computer Literacy	3
ALHS 1011 or DENA 1010	Structure and Function of the Human Body Basic Human Body	5 1

Immunizations:

Chattahoochee Technical College does not require vaccinations as criteria for admission and enrollment of students; however, immunizations are required for college health programs by our clinical partners. Students may not complete clinical rotations without meeting clinical site immunization requirements. All required vaccinations must be complete prior to starting clinical practice. Students completing internships or practicums in other majors must adhere to all job site vaccination guidelines. Clinical and job site requirements can and do change without notice or input from the College.

Academic Advisement:

Students should email an Academic Advisor with questions about admission criteria or to schedule an advisement appointment. For a list of Academic Advisors visit the Office of Advisement webpage.

Register for Classes:

Note: It is your responsibility to register for the Dental Assisting classes when Fall semester registration opens. You will not be notified of registration dates/times. Registration is first come first served. The program does not employ a waiting list. A mandatory program orientation date will be posted in the student's welcome email letter. All notification letters are emailed to Chatt Tech student email addresses. Once accepted to a cohort, students will be required to complete with that cohort.

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