

# Health Sciences Program Admissions Guide

## Dental Assisting Program

**Program:** Dental Assisting

**Credential(s) Awarded:** Dental Assisting Diploma, Basic Dental Assisting Certificate, Advanced Dental Assisting Certificate, Coronal Polishing Certificate, Radiology/EDDA Certificate

**Program Webpage:** <https://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/health-sciences/dental-assisting.html>

**Program Location:** Marietta Campus

**Admissions Format:** Open enrollment, fixed sequence. Courses have limited seats and are filled on a first come, first served basis. The program does not maintain a waiting list. Students must enroll in all DENA courses at once for a given term.

Dental Assisting Certificates must be completed in the following sequence: Basic Dental Assisting, Advanced Dental Assisting, Radiology/EDDA. Students that complete the Advanced Certificate will earn both the Advanced Certificate and the Coronal Polishing Certificate. Students may also pursue the Dental Assisting Diploma, which includes all certificates.

**Please note:** The Dental Assisting program includes a clinical experience in the first semester (Fall) for course DENA 1460. Clinical courses have additional expenses and requirements; see [Requirements for Clinical Education](#) for more information.

**Course Schedule:** Schedule is full-time, day time, Monday – Thursday. Classes primarily in person with some hybrid/online portions.

**Dental Assisting Diploma:** 3 semesters, 50-54 credits

**Basic Dental Assisting Certificate:** 1 semester, 14 credits

**Advanced Dental Assisting Certificate:** 1 semester, 15 credits

**Radiology/EDDA Certificate:** 1 semester, 16 credits

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## **Steps to Enroll in the Dental Assisting Program**

### **Step 1: Apply to Chattahoochee Tech and be accepted.**

Go to the [College Admissions webpage](#) to apply.

Student 900# and email address is required to register for courses.

### **Step 2: Enroll in the Health Sciences Program courses.**

Watch the Required Program Information Video before enrolling in Dental Assisting Courses.

No application is required for this program.

Student must be 18 years or older at time of first program Clinical Experience, which occurs in the Fall Semester (approximately October) of the Basic Certificate each year.

Follow the [College Academic Calendar](#) for enrollment dates and deadlines.

For assistance, contact the program [Academic Advisor](#) or email

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## **Dental Assisting Recommended Course Sequence**

Courses have limited seats and are filled on a first come, first served basis. The program does not maintain a waiting list. Students are advised that Dental courses often fill quickly. Students may monitor the course rosters throughout the enrollment period as seats may become available.

| <b>Term 1 Fall – Basic Dental Assisting Certificate</b>      |                                                         | <b>Credits</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| DENA 1050                                                    | Microbiology and Infection Control                      | 3              |
| DENA 1080                                                    | Dental Anatomy                                          | 4              |
| DENA 1340                                                    | Dental Assisting I: General Chairside                   | 6              |
| DENA 1460                                                    | Dental Practicum I                                      | 1              |
| Total Credit Hours:                                          |                                                         | 14             |
| <b>Term 2 Spring – Advanced Dental Assisting Certificate</b> |                                                         | <b>Credits</b> |
| DENA 1030                                                    | Preventive Dentistry                                    | 1              |
| DENA 1350                                                    | Dental Assisting II: Dental Specialties and EFDA Skills | 7              |
| DENA 1390                                                    | Dental Radiology                                        | 4              |
| DENA 1400                                                    | Dental Practice Management                              | 2              |
| DENA 1470                                                    | Dental Practicum II                                     | 1              |
| Total Credit Hours:                                          |                                                         | 15             |
| <b>Term 3 Summer – Radiology/EDDA Certificate</b>            |                                                         | <b>Credits</b> |
| DENA 1480                                                    | Dental Practicum III                                    | 5              |
| *DENA 1010                                                   | Basic Human Body                                        | 1              |
| *DENA 1070                                                   | Oral Pathology and Pharmacology                         | 2              |
| *DENA 1090                                                   | Dental Assisting National Board Examination Preparation | 1              |
| Total Credit Hours:                                          |                                                         | 9              |

\*Courses recommended only for students seeking to obtain the Dental Assisting Diploma.

### **Course Sequence**

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## Dental Assisting Diploma Coursework

For students seeking to obtain the Dental Assisting Diploma must complete the additional courses listed below. Students are not required to complete the Diploma.

| Term 4 – Fall                                                                                                          | Credits      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>General Core Course Area I:</b><br>ENGL 1010 Fundamentals of English I <b>or</b> ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric | 3            |
| <b>General Core Course Area II:</b><br>PSYC 1010 Basic Psychology <b>or</b> PSYC 1101 Introductory Psychology          | 3            |
| <b>General Core Course Area III:</b><br>MATH 1012 Foundations of Mathematics <b>or</b> MATH 1111 College Algebra       | 3            |
| COMP 1000 Introduction to Computer Literacy<br><a href="#">Exemption Testing</a> may be available.                     | 3            |
| ALHS 1011 Structure and Function of the Human Body (5 credits)<br><b>or</b><br>DENA 1010 Basic Human Body (1 credit)   | 5<br>or<br>1 |
| Total Credit Hours:                                                                                                    | 13-17        |

## Course Transfer Policy

The program does accept transfer credit for General Core Courses taken at another institution. The program does not accept transfer credit for DENA Courses taken at another institution.

## Requirements for Clinical Education

The Dental Assisting program includes a clinical experience in the first semester (Fall) for course DENA 1460. Clinical requirements include additional expenses in addition to college tuition and fees including immunization requirements, background check, drug screen, and CPR certification.

**Students will receive communication from program faculty prior to the start of the Fall semester regarding clinical and program requirements.** Students must respond to faculty communication and complete all requirements prior to the deadlines provided. Not completing the requirements for clinical experiences may result in being unable to complete the program of study. Students will also receive instructions via email regarding program textbooks, uniforms, and other requirements to be prepared for the first day of class.

**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.

**Program Completion**

Students are awarded the Basic, Advanced, Coronal Polishing, and Radiology/EDDA Dental Assisting Certificates upon successful completion of the required coursework. No additional certification examination is required.