



ChattTech

A Unit of the Technical College System of Georgia - Equal Opportunity Institution

Dental Assisting Certificates and Diploma Fall Semester 2024

Program Location:
Marietta Campus

Dental Assisting Program Admission:

Students seeking admission to the Dental Assisting (DA) Program must be fully admitted to the college for Spring Semester 2024. To take pre-admission courses for the diploma program, students should enroll in the college's *Healthcare Assistant Certificate*.

Application Session:

All students must attend a Virtual Application Session and complete a Program Application. Program applications are only given out at the Application Sessions. A schedule of the Dental Assisting sessions will be available at the beginning of Spring Semester 2024 and posted on the Dental Assisting webpage. Late arrivals will not be permitted to enter the session. For more information on the Virtual Application Process, select the Health Sciences Virtual Application Sessions Q & A found the Dental Assisting webpage.

Dental Assisting Certificate Course Work:

Semester	Courses	Credits
Fall Semester 2024 Basic Dental Assisting Certificate	DENA 1050: Microbiology and Infection Control DENA 1080: Dental Anatomy DENA 1340: Dental Assisting I: General Chairside DENA 1460: Dental Practicum I	14
Spring Semester 2025 Advanced Dental Assisting Certificate Coronal Polishing Certificate	DENA 1030: Preventive Dentistry DENA 1350: Dental Assisting II: Dental Assisting and EFDA Skills DENA 1390: Dental Radiology DENA 1400: Dental Practice Management DENA 1470: Dental Practicum II	15
Summer Semester 2025 EDDA Certificate	DENA 1480: Dental Practicum III	5

Additional Diploma Courses:

The following courses are required for those students seeking a diploma. These may be completed at any point. To take any of these courses prior to starting the dental assisting program, students should enroll in the college's Healthcare Assistant Certificate, Healthcare Science Certificate or Interdisciplinary Studies Degree-Health Track. Students who do not complete all the diploma level courses by the end of the dental assisting program will be awarded the appropriate Certificates in Dental Assisting. After graduating from the dental assisting program, students may continue taking these courses to meet the criteria to receive a diploma in dental assisting.

Diploma Pre-Requisites:

Course	Course Name	Credit
ENGL 1010 or ENGL 1101	Fundamentals of English or Composition and Rhetoric	3
ALHS 1011 or BIOL 2113 BIOL 2113L BIOL 2114 BIOL 2114L	Structure and Function of the Human Anatomy or Anatomy and Physiology I Anatomy and Physiology I Lab Anatomy and Physiology II Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	5 3 1 3 1
MATH 1012 or MATH 1111	Foundations of Math or College Algebra	3

Course	Course Name	Credit
ALHS 1140	Health Care Communication	3
PSYC 1010 or PSYC 1101	Basic Psychology or Introduction to Psychology	3
MAST 1060 or COMP 1000	Medical Office Procedures or Introduction to Computer Literacy	4 3

Additional Required Courses for Diploma Seeking Students:

- DENA 1070: Oral Pathology and Therapeutics 2 credits
- DENA 1090: Dental Assisting National Board Exam Prep 1 credit

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.

Final Class Selection:

The selection criteria, in the past has been for the diploma program only and has consisted of Admission Points with a total value of 110. This year, we are transitioning to add certificates in Basic Dental Assisting, Advanced Dental Assisting, Coronal Polishing, and Expanded Duties. Those students seeking a diploma will need to complete the pre-requisite classes. Those seeking a certificate(s) need only to apply. Students that have completed pre-requisite courses for admissions to the Dental Assisting diploma program will be seated first, for this new, transitional, academic year. The certificate programs will be seated after the diploma seeking students on a first come basis.

Academic Advisement:

Students should email a Health Sciences Advisor with questions about admission criteria or to schedule an advisement appointment. For a list of Health Sciences Advisor visit the [Office of Advisement](#) webpage.

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