

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Associate in Applied Science Degree Program

Program Accreditation: American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation, in compliance with the standards set forth by the ADA Council on Dental Education.

I. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Courses.....17 Credits

Goal 1: Written and Oral Communications (CM)..... 7 cr

ENGL 1117*, Reading and Writing Critically I, 4 cr

SPCH 1114, Fundamentals of Speech **OR** SPCH 1130, Interpersonal Communications, 3 cr

Goal 2: Critical Thinking (CT) MAY BE MET BY ANY COURSE IN MNTC 1-10 GOALS

Goal 3: Natural Sciences (NS).....4 cr

BIOL 1110, Human Biology, 4 Cr

Goal 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences (SS)..... 3 cr

PSYC 1611, Psychology of Adjustment, 3 cr **OR** PSYC 2618, General Psychology, 4 cr

Goal 6: Humanities – The Arts, Literature, Philosophy (HA)..... 3 cr

Three credits in courses from Art, English Literature*, Foreign Culture, Humanities*, Journalism, Music, Philosophy*, or Speech/Theatre that meet the competencies of Goal 6 of the Minnesota Transfer curriculum.

*** Honors equivalent courses available.**

II. Professional Courses..... 47 Credits

DA 1200	Dental Communications	3 cr
DA 1210	Dental Science I	3 cr
DA 1215	Dental Practice Management	2 cr
DA 1220	Chairside Assisting I	6 cr
DA 1225	Dental Infection Control	2 cr
DA 1230	Preventive Dentistry	2 cr
DA 1250	Dental Science II	3 cr
DA 1255	Dental Materials	4 cr
DA 1260	Chairside Assisting II	4 cr
DA 1265*	Expanded Functions I	7 cr
DS 1300*	Dental Radiology	3 cr
DA 1270*	Expanded Functions II	1 cr
DA 1280*	Dental Assisting Internship	7 cr

(*Students must show current certification in either American Red Cross: CPR for the Professional Rescuer or American Heart Association: BLS Healthcare Provider to enroll in this course. The certification will need to remain active throughout the final semester in Dental Assisting.)

TOTAL 64 Credits

Purpose: The Dental Assistant major is designed to provide the student with the technical knowledge, manual skills, clinical experiences, communication skills, and positive attitudes toward work required to make the graduate a valuable member of the dental health care profession.

The dental assistant may assist the dentist at chairside, perform expanded functions and dental laboratory procedures, provide personal oral care instruction, or function as a dental receptionist/ dental office manager. The program prepares the student to function in both general and specialty dental practices.

Clinical experience is obtained in the technically current dental clinic. The clinic has twelve operatories equipped for four-handed dentistry, a recirculation/sterilization room, a darkroom for processing x-rays, and a complete dental laboratory. Patients come to the dental clinic for tooth polishing, fluoride treatments, dental x-rays, pit and fissure sealants, and personal oral care instruction. A dentist is on staff to aid in the direct instruction and supervision of students, along with dentists from the community who give guest presentations. In the final semester of the program, students will further their clinical experience through three assigned internships in different dental offices in southeastern Minnesota.

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Upon successful completion of the Dental Assistant Program, graduates are eligible to sit for the Minnesota registration exam and the national certification exam for dental assistants.

Pre-Admission Criteria:

- (1) Diploma from high school/GED. (Applicants in their senior year of high school may be given provisional acceptance into the Dental Assistant Program if they are on track to graduate and meet Pre-Admission criteria #2-4. Final acceptance into the Dental Assistant Program will be awarded upon submission of proof of high school graduation.)
- (2) Earned a "C" letter grade or better in high school Biology or college Biology (BIOL 1101 or its transfer equivalent).
- (3) Apply to gain admission to the program by completing the following two (2) applications and return them to RCTC Admissions and Records:
 - * RCTC General Application: www.rctc.edu/admissions/html/applicationform.html
 - * Dental Assistant Program Application (after September 1st): www.rctc.edu/program/da/html/application.html
- (4) Students must place into College level Reading and English on the ASAP Placement test (or its equivalent).

Degree Completion Options:

The options for completing the Dental Assistant Associate of Applied Sciences Degree Program are as follows:

- 1. Option #1:
Enroll full-time in the two year Dental Assistant Associate of Applied Sciences Degree Program.
Recommended Course Sequencing:

First Year:

FALL		SPRING	
DA 1200	3 cr	DA 1250	3 cr
DA 1210	3 cr	DA 1255	4 cr
DA 1215	2 cr	BIOL 1110	4 cr
ENGL 1117	4 cr	SPCH 1114 or 1130	3 cr
PSYC 1611 3 cr or PSYC 2618	4 cr		
TOTAL	15 cr	TOTAL	14 cr

Second Year:

FALL		SPRING		SUMMER	
DA 1220	6 cr	DA 1260	4 cr	DA 1270	1 cr
DA 1225	2 cr	DA 1265	7 cr	DA 1280	7 cr
DA 1230	2 cr	DS 1300	3 cr		
Humanities	3 cr				
TOTAL	13 cr	TOTAL	14 cr	TOTAL	8 cr

- 2. Option #2:
 - Graduate from the Dental Assistant Diploma Program (47 credits).
 - Apply and be admitted to the Dental Assistant Associate of Applied Sciences Degree Program.
 - Complete the 17 credits of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum as listed on the Dental Assistant Associate of Applied Sciences Degree Program plan.
 - 3. Option #3:
 - Complete the 17 credits of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum as listed on the Dental Assistant Associate of Applied Sciences Degree Program plan as a Liberal Arts student.
(For the course sequencing to work, all 17 credits must be completed prior to entry into the Dental Assistant Program.
- **Apply and be admitted to the Dental Assistant Associate of Applied Sciences Degree Program (which has a Fall start only).**

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