

## DENTAL ASSISTANT AAS

**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 Program may be completed in one year as a full-time student, or in two years as a part-time student. Graduates are eligible to sit for the Minnesota licensure exam, Minnesota jurisprudence exam and the national certification exam for dental assistants.

### **Award**

*Dental Assistant Diploma.....64 credits total*  
*Dental Assistant curriculum..... 47 credits*  
*MnTC curriculum/General Education.....17 credits*

**Program course sequence begins in the Fall.**

**General Education courses may be taken in any semester. Contact your Advisor.**

### **RECOMMENDED FULL-TIME COURSE SEQUENCE**

*Not all courses are scheduled every semester. See course schedule: <https://eservices.minnstate.edu/registration/search/basic.html?campusid=306>.*

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Semester 2</b>	
ENGL 1117 Reading & Writing Critically I	4 cr	BIOL 1110 Human Biology	4 cr
PSYC 1611 Psychology of Adjustment	3 cr	COMM 1114 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 cr
or	or	or	or
PSYC 2618 General Psychology	4 cr	COMM 113: Interpersonal Communications	3 cr
DA 1200 Dental Communications	3 cr	DA 1250 Dental Science II	3 cr
DA 1210 Dental Science I	3 cr	DA 1255 Dental Materials	4 cr
DA 1215 Dental Practice Management	2 cr		
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>		<b>Semester 4</b>	
MnTC Goal 6 Elective	3 cr	DA 1260 Chairside Assisting II	4 cr
DA 1220 Chairside Assisting I	6 cr	DA 1265 Expanded functions II	7 cr
DA 1225 Dental Infection Control	2 cr	DA 1270 Expanded Functions II	1 cr
DA 1230 Preventive Dentistry	2 cr	DA 1275 Dental Radiology	3 cr
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester 5 (Summer)</b>			
DA 1280 Dental Assisting Internship			7 cr
		<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>7</b>

Course descriptions can be found at: <https://www.rctc.edu/academics/courses/course-descriptions>.