

## 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.**

| <b>RECOMMENDED FULL-TIME COURSE SEQUENCE</b>   |            |   |           |
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| <i>Not all courses are scheduled every semester. See course schedule: <a href="https://eservices.minnstate.edu/registration/search/basic.html?campusid=306">https://eservices.minnstate.edu/registration/search/basic.html?campusid=306</a>.</i> |            |   |           |
| <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      |
| <b>or</b>  | <b>or</b>  | <b>or</b>                                 | <b>or</b> |
| 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-</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>.