

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			
<i>Not all courses are scheduled every semester. See course schedule: https://eservices.minnstate.edu/registration/search/basic.html?campusid=306.</i>			
Semester 1 ENGL 1117 Reading & Writing Critically I PSYC 1611 Psychology of Adjustment or PSYC 2618 General Psychology DA 1200 Dental Communications DA 1210 Dental Science I DA 1215 Dental Practice Management <div style="text-align: right;">Total Credits</div>	4 cr 3 cr or 4 cr 3 cr 3 cr 2 cr 15-	Semester 2 BIOL 1110 Human Biology COMM 1114 Fundamentals of Public Speaking or COMM 113: Interpersonal Communications DA 1250 Dental Science II DA 1255 Dental Materials <div style="text-align: right;">Total Credits</div>	4 cr 3 cr or 3 cr 3 cr 4 cr 14
Semester 3 MnTC Goal 6 Elective DA 1220 Chairside Assisting I DA 1225 Dental Infection Control DA 1230 Preventive Dentistry <div style="text-align: right;">Total Credits</div>	3 cr 6 cr 2 cr 2 cr 13	Semester 4 DA 1260 Chairside Assisting II DA 1265 Expanded functions II DA 1270 Expanded Functions II DA 1275 Dental Radiology <div style="text-align: right;">Total Credits</div>	4 cr 7 cr 1 cr 3 cr 15
Semester 5 (Summer) DA 1280 Dental Assisting Internship <div style="text-align: right;">Total Credits</div>			7 cr 7

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