

**Dental Assisting (D45240)**

Official Program Description registered with the NC Community College System:

The Dental Assisting curriculum prepares graduates to assist the dentist in providing treatment services. Functions performed by the dental assistant include dental health education, preparing dental materials, preparing the patient for treatment, taking dental X-rays, maintaining dental supplies and equipment, assisting the dentist, providing selected services for the patient, making appointments, maintaining patient records and other office management procedures. Graduates may be employed by dental offices, dental clinics, public health clinics, federal service clinics, dental schools, state health departments, dental manufacturers and insurance companies.

Graduates are eligible to take the examination given by the Dental Assisting National Board, Incorporated, to become a Certified Dental Assistant.

**Program Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of the Dental Assisting program, the student will be able to:

- Display professionalism in the dental setting.
- Assist in and perform chairside procedures in the dental office.
- Communicate effectively with dental patients.
- Perform clinical dental examinations.
- Perform dental administrative management procedures.
- Perform dental radiographic procedures.
- Provide dental health education.
- Establish and maintain dental office safety practices.
- Perform dental equipment maintenance procedures.
- Perform dental laboratory procedures.
- Identify methods for managing emergency situations in the dental setting.
- Practice infection control protocol throughout the dental assisting program.

**Diploma Awarded**

A Diploma in Dental Assisting is awarded by the College upon completion of this program. Graduates are eligible to take the examination to become a Certified Dental Assistant that is given by the Dental Assisting National Board, Incorporated.

**Note**

Students must earn a grade of C or better in all curriculum courses in order to progress in the program.

Information about the progression and readmission policy is outlined in the Dental Assisting Admission Policies and Procedures packet available in the Office of Admissions and Records.

In addition to tuition and textbooks, costs of this program include a laboratory fee, shoes, physical examinations, immunizations, health insurance, cost of national board examination and other miscellaneous fees.

**For More Information**

The Dental Assisting program is in the Allied Health and Public Services Division. For more information, call (919) 735-5151, ext. 254 or visit us at our web site at <http://www.waynecc.edu>.

**Admissions**

- Individuals desiring a career in dental assisting should, if possible, take biology, mathematics, and computer courses prior to entering the program.

- Individuals desiring admission to the program must follow the admissions procedure outlined on pages 9 and 10 of this catalog and in the Dental Assisting Application Policies and Procedures packet available in the Office of Admissions and Records and on the WCC website.

- Applicants must present evidence of good physical and mental health.

Students must demonstrate competency in computer skills by

attaining a minimally acceptable score (78) on the CIS 070 placement test or completion of CIS 070 or CTS 080 with a grade of "C" or better to apply to the program.

**First Step to Enroll:**

Call the Admissions and Records Office at (919) 735-5151, ext. 238.

	Contact Hours	Semester Credit Hours
<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>		
DEN 100 Basic Orofacial Anatomy.....	2	2
DEN 101 Preclinical Procedures.....	10	7
DEN 102 Dental Materials.....	7	5
DEN 111 Infection/Hazard Control.....	2	2
BIO 106 Introduction to Anat/ Physio/Micro .....	4	3
ACA 111 College Student Success.....	1	1
		20
<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>		
DEN 103 Dental Sciences.....	2	2
DEN 104 Dental Health Education.....	4	3
DEN 105 Practice Management.....	2	2
DEN 106 Clinical Practice I.....	13	5
DEN 112 Dental Radiography.....	5	3
ENG 102 Applied Communications II.....	3	3
		18
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>		
DEN 107 Clinical Practice II.....	13	5
PSY 150 General Psychology.....	3	3
		8
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>46</b>