

DENTAL ASSISTING

Registered Dental Assisting Programs are designed to instruct women and men with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform as dental health care paraprofessionals. Students are taught to assist in all phases of general dentistry and dental specialties including prosthodontics, oral surgery, periodontics, endodontics, orthodontics, and pediatric dentistry. Through the Registered Dental Assisting Program students will be taught to perform in expanded functions, trained and licensed in taking dental x-rays, certified in coronal polishing and pit and fissure sealants. The preventive, restorative, business, and employment aspects of dental assisting are also included.

Upon completion of the Program students will be eligible to take the California State Board Examination for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant (R.D.A.) and the Dental Assisting National Board Certification (C.D.A.).

The Registered Dental Assisting Program at San Jose City College has full accreditation status from the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and is approved by the Dental Board of California.

Students are admitted to the program in the fall and spring semester. Advisory Level 2 Basic Language Skills are critical for entry into DENT 151, 152, 153,154, 155 and 156 as well as all other Dental Assisting courses. It is recommended that students planning to enter the program take the placement test as early as possible to determine their level. Those needing to improve their language skills may do so in courses offered by the college prior to admissions to the program.

Costs of uniforms, books, safety items, and miscellaneous supplies are estimated at \$1,000-\$1,500 for the 11 months of the program. Costs are spread out over the 11 months. Approximately \$600 is needed at the start of the program.

Students develop laboratory skills in role-playing situations with mannequins on campus and are assigned to dental offices in the community to develop clinical experience and receive training in a professional working environment. Students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical facilities. Students are required to work 120 hours full time during the Summer Internship rotation. Students should have current certification in C.P.R., provide proof of a Negative TB Test as well as current vaccinations Hepatitis B before entering the second semester.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, SEE A COUNSELOR, VISIT THE CAREER/TRANSFER CENTER, OR CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:

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CAREERS OPTIONS:

- Registered Dental Assistant
Extended Functions (R.D.A.E.F.)
- Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH)
- Registered Dental Hygienist
Alternative Practice (RDHAP)
- Dental Laboratory Technician
- Dental X-Ray Technician
- Dental Assisting Instructor
- Dental Officer Manager
- Dental Sedation Assistant (DSA)
- Orthodontic Assistant

A student in the Dental Assisting Program must enroll full time in the major classes. A student who meets the certificate requirements is eligible for the R.D.A. and C.D.A. examinations. Prior to, or after finishing the major classes, the student may complete the General Education requirements for the A.S. Degree. A grade of "C" or better is required in all major, certificate and major elective courses. An advanced course in the major must be taken at San José City College.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT - LEVEL 3:

			<u>UNITS</u>
DENT	151	Beginning Dental Assisting 1*	3.0
DENT	152	Beginning Dental Assisting 2	3.0
DENT	153	Beginning Dental Assisting 3	1.5
DENT	154	Fundamental Dental Assisting 1	3.0
DENT	155	Fundamental Dental Assisting 2	3.0
DENT	156	Fundamental Dental Assisting 3	1.5
DENT	161	Intermediate Dental Assisting 1	3.0
DENT	162	Intermediate Dental Assisting 2	2.0
DENT	163	Expanded Dental Assisting 1	3.0
DENT	164	Expanded Dental Assisting 2	0.5
DENT	165	Advanced Dental Assisting 1	0.5
DENT	171	Clinical Dental Assisting 1	2.5
DENT	172	Clinical Dental Assisting 2	2.5
DENT	173	Clinical Dental Assisting 3	<u>2.5</u>
TOTAL			31.5

A.S. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

COMPLETION OF CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT - LEVEL 3	31.5
GENERAL ELECTIVES (AS NEEDED TO REACH 60)	3.5
GENERAL EDUCATION PATTERN/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	24
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY	<u>1</u>
TOTAL REQUIRED UNITS	60

* Course meets the A.S. degree lab science general education requirement for the Dental Assisting major only and cannot be used to meet the lab science general education requirement for any other major

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Upon completion of program students will be able to:

- Be prepared as an entry level dental assistant to be successful in the field of dentistry with the knowledge and skill required to assist the dentist during patient care while preparing for state and national licensure examinations.
- Demonstrate competence of the knowledge and skills required to perform a variety of chair side skills during comprehensive patient care and treatment.
- Analyze and follow mandated and prudent techniques in the prevention of the transmission of diseases through accurate detailed execution of infection control procedures, blood-borne pathogen standards, standard precautions, standard operating procedures, engineering controls and safe work practices.
- Communicate effectively including reading, writing, speaking and listening.
- Demonstrate patient management during patient care, by phone or computer interaction with patients.
- Practice communication to establish professional working relationships, team work and better dental office working environment.
- Analyze problems using evidence and sound reasoning to make decisions.
- Discriminate, organize and execute assisting the dentist and/or hygienist during different dental procedures.
- Develop systems to standardize dental care, infection control procedures, equipment and instrument maintenance while complying with all agencies' recommendation, laws and regulations.
- Demonstrate an awareness of social, economic, ecological, historical and cultural differences and their implications.
- Display and deliver patient care to diverse, socio-economic backgrounds, disabilities, cultures, religions, sexual orientations, ethnicities, nationalities and differences as it pertains to working as a dental health paraprofessional, patient advocate, and employee in the dental office setting.
- Demonstrate ability to exercise professional and ethical responsibility as a member of the dental profession.
- Demonstrate working within the laws outlined in the state Dental Practice Act and understand the legal and ethical consequences of performing illegal duties.
- Demonstrate ethics by reporting all illegal duties to the Dental Board of California or OSHA, if appropriate.
- Utilize technology effectively for informational, academic, personal and professional needs. Demonstrate knowledge and skills in the area of business management, charting, treatment planning/ recording, filing, billing, and digital radiography with the use of computer systems, Software and digital sensors/scanners.
- Demonstrate basic computer skills.
- Participate in Community Health Projects where they are able to demonstrate creativity and artistic ability in the construction of presentation costumes, visual aids and patient education materials.