Wayne County Community College District

DENTAL ASSISTING

• College Certificate

About The Program

The Dental Assisting program provides students with the necessary training to perform the duties of a dental assistant, including assisting the dentist chair side, providing patient education, performing laboratory procedures, exposing and processing x-rays and performing office management tasks such as billing and scheduling. In addition, the dental assistant who becomes licensed can provide expanded functions as delegated by Michigan law. Instruction runs concurrently with laboratory instruction throughout the program. Students gain clinical experience in clinical facilities and dental offices. Aptitudes that will be helpful to students are an ability to pay attention to details, follow instructions, work quickly and independently, be responsible for personal and office organization, interact well with people

Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board Examination to become a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA). In addition, they are eligible to take the Registered Dental Assistant Examination given by the State of Michigan to become a licensed Registered Dental Assistant (RDA).

The program in Dental Assisting is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-2719 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

Admission Requirements

General admission requirements for WCCCD programs are as follows:

- Fulfill all WCCCD admission requirements.
- Declare intent to enter the Dental Assisting program on the WCCCD Application for Admission or change intent in the Student Services Office.
- Complete WCCCD Program Application and submit to the Campus Chief Academic Officer.
- Complete all core course work with a grade of "C" or better to meet graduation requirements.

Additional program specific requirements may be found at any WCCCD campus from the Chief Academic Officer.

Based upon Michigan Law

Students applying for admission to the Dental Assisting Program will be subject to a criminal background check, the results of which could preclude an applicant from admission to Wayne County Community College District's Dental Assisting Program on the basis of any of the following:

- A felony conviction, or conviction for an attempt or conspiracy to commit a felony within the past 15 years.
- Any misdemeanor conviction involving abuse, neglect, assault, battery or criminal sexual conduct within the past 10 years.
- Any misdemeanor conviction involving fraud or theft against a vulnerable adult.

College Certificate Requirements

SEMESTER I

DA 104	Dental Materials	3
DA 106	Applied Sciences	4
DA 107	Introduction to Expanded Functions	2
DA 110	Clinical Dental Assisting	3
DA 115	Preventive Dentistry	1
DA 117	Clinical Practice I	4
DEN 200	Dental Radiology Theory	2
DEN 201	Dental Radiology Lab	1
TOTAL CREDITS		20

SEMESTER II

DA 120	Dental Specialties	2
DA 126	Pathology, Pharmacology and Medical Dental Emergencies	3
DA 127	Dental Office Management	2
DA 129	Legal, Ethical and Communication Issues	2
DA 202	Expanded Functions for the RDA	3
TOTAL CREDITS		12

SEMESTER III

DA 125	Clinical Practice II	5
TOTAL CREDITS		5

CERTIFICATE TOTAL CREDITS **37

*** Certificate totals may not include prerequisite work.**

**** This number may be less. Graduates of high school vocational-technical dental assisting programs and on-the-job trained dental assistants are eligible for advanced credit hours through the Prior Experience and Required Knowledge program (PERK). Contact the program office for additional information.**

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