

Grayson College Course Catalog

Overview - Dental Assisting

There are two options for the Dental Assisting Program at Grayson College: **Dental Assisting Certificate** or the **Associate of Applied Science Degree in Dental Assisting**.

The **Associate of Applied Science Degree in Dental Assisting** is designed to prepare the student to function effectively as an integral member of the dental health care team. The AAS degree consists of 9.5 months of dental assisting coursework including classroom instruction, laboratory procedures, and supervised clinical experience in addition to 25 hours of academic coursework. The academic coursework can be taken either before or after the dental assisting coursework. Following completion of all dental assisting course requirements, the student will be eligible to sit for the Registered Dental Assisting (RDA) licensing exam required by the state of Texas to take radiographs. Dental Assisting students who complete the program are given the exam at the completion of the program, and are eligible to file an application to the state board of dental examiners to obtain their RDA license. Graduates are also eligible to take the examination given by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) to become a Certified Dental Assistant. (CDA) since GC Dental Assisting Program is accredited by The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The **Dental Assisting Certificate** is designed to prepare the student to function effectively as an integral member of the dental health care team. The student will participate in classroom instruction, laboratory procedures, and supervised clinical experiences in order to learn the basic functions required of a Dental Assistant.

The Certificate of Dental Assisting is a 9.5 month program. Upon completion, the graduate is eligible to sit for the Registered Dental Assisting (RDA) licensing exam required by the state of Texas to take radiographs. Dental Assisting students who complete the program are given the exam at the completion of the program, and are eligible to file application to the State Board of Dental Examiners to obtain their RDA license. Graduates are also eligible to take the examination given by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) to become Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) since GC Dental assisting program is accredited by The Commission of Dental Accreditation (CODA). Becoming a RDA and CDA assures that the graduate is prepared to assist competently in providing quality dental care.

Admission Requirements

1. Application to Grayson College. (Online at www.grayson.edu)
 2. [Application to the Dental Assisting Program](#)
 3. Passed THEA or COMPASS or TSI waived
 4. High School transcript or GED scores
 5. Transcript for colleges or universities with cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
 6. Documentation of required immunizations
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Eligibility for Licensure:

Students who have been involved in the criminal system may not be eligible for licensure following graduation. If you feel this applies to you, please seek guidance from the Program Director or Health Science Advisor prior to enrollment.

Prerequisites for the Dental Assisting Program

ENGL 1301
PSYC 2301

Deadlines

The Dental Assisting Program accepts one class each fall.

Twenty-four applicants are accepted each year and applications may be accepted until the class is filled.

Turn in to the College

1. Online application for admission to GC
 2. Official transcripts for all colleges previously attended
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Turn in to the Dental Assisting Program

1. Unofficial copies of all transcripts

2. Dental Assisting program applications (Circle Dental Assisting)
3. Documentation of required immunizations

Selection and Acceptance Procedure

1. Applications are reviewed for required documentation by the Dental Assisting Admissions Committee. Only those with complete files will be considered for admission.
2. The number of students that can be admitted to the Dental Assisting program is limited by classroom and clinical space and by qualified faculty availability. Therefore, a selection procedure is used to identify candidates who are the most academically prepared.
3. Once all eligible applicants have been evaluated and ranked, students will be admitted from the highest ranking to the lowest, until all spaces are filled. If there are more eligible candidates than there are spaces available, a waiting list will be developed. Should spaces become available prior to the first day of class, applicants will be notified.
4. **Applicants will be notified via email regarding selection or non-selection following admissions committee decision in June.**

Final Acceptance Requirements (Following notification of acceptance)

When an acceptance letter is received, instructions for the following will be included in the letter.

1. TB test and completed documents to be turned in prior to first day of class.
2. CPR Certification (American Heart Association Basic Life Support Provider) must be completed **prior to FIRST DAY OF CLASS**. Must include a face to face skills demonstration.
3. Dental Examination must be completed prior to **FIRST DAY OF CLASS**.
4. Pass a urine drug screen and a criminal background check, as instructed by the program.

Required Immunizations

All students must submit a copy of the following immunizations with a valid stamp or signature, a signed statement from a physician, or lab report indicating serologic immunity. **Please note that some of these immunizations take up to six months to complete. Immunizations must be started in time to complete the series before the FIRST DAY OF CLASS. If unable to complete the series before the beginning of class, the applicant is not eligible for admission.**

1. TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA/PERTUSSIS (Tdap)
One dose of the Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) immunization within the last 10 years.
2. MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA (MMR)
(Immunizations or blood test) If born after January 1, 1957 must have proof of two doses of the MMR vaccine administered on or after the 1st birthday and at least 30 days apart – or – proof of serologic confirmation of measles, mumps and rubella immunity – or- serologic evidence of past infection.
3. VARICELLA (Chickenpox)(Immunization or blood test)
Series of two Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccines- or –serologic confirmation of immunity to Varicella
4. HEPATITIS B (Immunization or blood test)
Series of three hepatitis B vaccines- or- serologic confirmation of immunity to hepatitis B.
5. INFLUENZA VACCINE
Annual influenza vaccination as recommended by the CDC in the fall of each year.
6. MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE
All on-campus college students who are under the age of 22 must have the meningococcal vaccination within the previous five years and at least 10 days prior to the first day of class.

Due to compliance with clinical facility requirements and Texas Department of Health recommendations, GC Health Science programs may not waive immunization requirements for any reason. If immunizations are not complete, application to the program must be delayed.

Copies of records from physician offices, public health department, public schools, other colleges and the military are acceptable. Students should provide a copy of the records. Please do not turn in the originals.

Accreditation Information

This program is approved by:

The Commission of Dental Accreditation
211 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611
Ph: 312-440-4653
www.ada.org/coda

Application Information

Packet: [Dental Assisting Packet](#)

Outcomes

Pass, Fail, Graduation Rates

Year	Graduation Rate	Success Rate (RDA Exam)	Job Placement
2014-2015	91%	100%	81%
2015-2016	91%	100%	76%
2016-2017	82%	100%	89%
2017-2018	91%	100%	92%

AAS Degree Requirements

Associate of Applied Science - Dental Assisting

Subject	Semester Hours
ENGL 1301 (Comp. I)	3
* MATH 1332 or 1342 or 1314	3
SOC1 1301 (Intro to Sociology)	3
HIST 1301 (U.S. History I)	3
* ARTS 1301 , HUMA 1301 , MUSI 1306 or PHIL 1301	3
BIOL 2404 (Anatomy and Physiology)	4
PSYC 2301 (General Psychology)	3
* EDUC/PSYC 1300 , SPCH 1311 , 1321 , OR ENGL 2311	3
DNTA 1245 (Preventive Dentistry)	2
DNTA 1305 (Dental Radiology)	3
DNTA 1311 (Dental Science)	3
DNTA 1315 (Chairside Assisting)	3
DNTA 1301 (Dental Materials)	3
DNTA 1202 (Comm and Behavior in the Dental Office)	2
DNTA 1251 (Dental Office Management)	2
DNTA 1347 (Adv. Dental Science)	3
DNTA 1349 (Dental Radiology in the Clinic)	3
DNTA 1353 (Dental Assisting Applications)	3
DNTA 1460 (Clinical-Dental Assisting)	4
DNTA 2230 (Seminar for the Dental Assistant I)	2
DNTA 2260 (Clinical-Dental Assisting)	2
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*Please review your Student Planner or contact your Student Success Coach/Faculty Advisor to review which courses may be used to fill this degree requirement.

Certificate Degree Requirements

Dental Assisting - Certificate

Subject	Semester Hours
Prerequisites	
ENGL 1301 (Comp I)	3
PSYC 2301 (General Psychology)	3
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DNTA 1245 (Preventive Dentistry)	2
DNTA 1305 (Dental Radiology I)	3
DNTA 1311 (Dental Science)	3
DNTA 1315 (Chairside Assisting)	3
DNTA 1301 (Dental Materials)	3
DNTA 1202 (Comm. and Behavior in the Dental Office)	2
DNTA 1251 (Dental Office Management)	2
DNTA 1347 (Adv. Dental Science)	3
DNTA 1349 (Dental Radiology in the Clinic)	3
DNTA 1353 (Dental Assisting Apps)	3
DNTA 1460 (Clinical-Dental Assisting)	4
DNTA 2230 (Seminar for the Dental Assistant)	2
DNTA 2260 (Clinical-Dental Assisting)	2
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DNTA 1202 - Communication and Behavior in the Dental Office

The study of interaction and communication in the dental office. A grade of C or better is required for progression.

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 2.0

Lecture hours: 2.0

Restrictions:

- Concurrent enrollment in DNTA 1301, 1315, 1311, 1305 and 1245 is required.
 - Program specific prerequisite requirements are listed on program website.
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DNTA 1245 - Preventive Dentistry

The study and prevention of dental diseases and community dental health. A grade of C or better is required for progression.

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 2.0

Lecture hours: 1.0

Lab hours: 2.0

Restrictions:

- Concurrent enrollment in DNTA 1305, 1311, 1315, 1202 and 1301 is required.
 - Program specific prerequisite requirements are listed on program website.
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DNTA 1251 - Dental Office Management

Demonstrate telephone management, schedule appointments, receive payments for dental services, complete third party reimbursement forms, manage inventory, enter data for charges and payments, manage patient records, manage recall systems, comply with federal and state guidelines regarding healthcare providers and operate basic business equipment.

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 2.0

Lecture hours: 1.0

Lab hours: 2.0

Restrictions:

- Prerequisites: DNTA 1245, 1305, 1311, 1315, 1202, 1301
 - Program specific prerequisite requirements are listed on program website.
 - Concurrent enrollment in DNTA 1349, 1347, 1353, 2230, and 1460 is required.
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DNTA 1301 - Dental Materials

Composition, properties, procedures and safety standards related to dental materials. A grade of C or better is required for progression.

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 2.0

Lab hours: 4.0

Restrictions:

- Concurrent enrollment in DNTA 1245, 1305, 1311, 1315 and 1202 is required.
 - Program specific prerequisite requirements are listed on program website.
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DNTA 1305 - Dental Radiology I

Introduction to radiation physics, protection, the operation of radiographic equipment, exposure, processing and mounting of dental radiographs. Specific federal and state safety and standard practices for the classroom and lab settings will be practiced. A grade of C or better is required for progression.

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 2.0

Lab hours: 4.0

Restrictions:

- Concurrent enrollment in DNTA 1245, 1311, 1315, 1202 and 1301 is required.
 - Program specific prerequisite requirements are listed on program website.
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DNTA 1311 - Dental Science

A fundamental study of anatomical systems with emphasis placed on head and neck anatomy. Topics include embryology of the teeth along with basic dental terminology. A grade of C or better is required for progression.

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

Restrictions:

- Program specific prerequisite requirements are listed on program website.
 - Concurrent enrollment in DNTA 1245, 1305, 1315, 1202 and 1301 is required.
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DNTA 1315 - Chairside Assisting

A study of pre-clinical chairside assisting procedures, instrumentation, OSHA and other regulatory agencies' standards. A grade of C or better is required for progression.

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 2.0

Lab hours: 4.0

Restrictions:

- Program specific prerequisite requirements are listed on program website.
 - Concurrent enrollment in DNTA 1245, 1305, 1311, 1202 and 1301 is required.
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DNTA 1347 - Advanced Dental Science

An advanced study of anatomical systems, pharmacology, or pathology, and developmental abnormalities. A grade of C or better is required to progress.

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

Restrictions:

- Prerequisites: DNTA 1245, 1305, 1311, 1315, 1202, 1301
 - Concurrent enrollment in DNTA 1251, 1349, 1353, 2230 and 1460 is required.
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DNTA 1349 - Dental Radiology in the Clinic

The practical application of exposing, processing and mounting diagnostically acceptable radiographs obtained by utilizing various radiographic techniques. This course will encompass critical evaluation of all procedures. A grade of C or better is required for progression

Grade Basis: L**Credit hours:** 3.0**Lecture hours:** 1.0**Lab hours:** 4.0**Restrictions:**

- Concurrent enrollment in DNTA 1251, 1347, 1353, 2230 and 1460 is required.
 - Prerequisites: DNTA 1202, 1245, 1301, 1305, 1311, 1315
 - Must be taken in sequence as listed in degree plan.
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DNTA 1353 - Dental Assisting Applications

An expanded study of dental assisting techniques with emphasis on four-handed dentistry and utilization of armamentarium for general practice and specialty procedures. A grade of C or better is required to progress.

Grade Basis: L**Credit hours:** 3.0**Lecture hours:** 2.0**Lab hours:** 3.0**Restrictions:**

- Concurrent enrollment in DNTA 1251, 1349, 1347, 2230 and 1460 is required.
 - Prerequisites: DNTA 1202, 1245, 1301, 1305, 1311, 1315
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DNTA 1460 - Clinical-Dental Assisting / Assistant

A health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills, and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional. A grade of C or better is required for progression

Grade Basis: L**Credit hours:** 4.0**Lab hours:** 16.0**Restrictions:**

- Concurrent enrollment in DNTA 1251, 1349, 1347, 1353, and 2230 is required.
 - Prerequisites: DNTA 1202, 1245, 1301, 1305, 1311, 1315
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DNTA 2230 - Seminar for the Dental Assistant I

Analysis of case studies during the clinical phase of practicum/clinical. A grade of C or better is required to progress.

Grade Basis: L**Credit hours:** 2.0**Lecture hours:** 2.0**Restrictions:**

- Concurrent enrollment in DNTA 1251, 1349, 1347, 1353, and 1460 is required.
 - Prerequisites: DNTA 1202, 1245, 1301, 1305, 1311, 1315
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DNTA 2260 - Clinical-Dental Assisting / Assistant

A health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills, and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional.

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 2.0

Lab hours: 6.0

Restrictions:

- Prerequisites: DNTA 1202, 1245, 1251, 1301, 1305, 1311, 1315, 1347, 1349, 1353, 1460, 2230
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