

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 credit hours of academic coursework. The academic coursework can be taken either before or after the dental assisting coursework. Following the completion of all dental assisting course requirements, the student will be eligible to sit for the Registered Dental Assisting (RDA) licensing exam. 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. Since the Dental Assisting Program is accredited by The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), graduates are also eligible to take the examination given by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) to become a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA).

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. 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). Becoming an RDA and CDA assures that the graduate is prepared to assist competently in providing quality dental care.

Transfer of College Coursework

Students who desire admission via transfer to GC must adhere to the GC course transfer policies outlined in the Student Handbook. This includes submitting official copies of transcripts from each college or university previously attended to the Office of Admissions and Records. Prerequisite and corequisite general education courses will be accepted for transfer and application if the course is evaluated as equivalent to the required course at GC. Health Science program courses are accepted for transfer only with prior approval of the Program Director and/or admissions committee. Copies of course syllabi from all previous courses may be required to determine eligibility for transfer.

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.

Accreditation Information

This program is approved by:

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)

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AAS Degree Requirements

Associate of Applied Science - Dental Assisting

Subject	Semester Hours
ENGL 1301 (Comp. I)	3
PSYC 2301 (General Psychology)	3

* EDUC 1300/PSYC 1300 , SPCH 1311 , 1321 , OR ENGL 2311	3
SOC 1301 (Intro to Sociology)	3
HIST 1301 (U.S. History I)	3
* ARTS 1301 , HUMA 1301 , MUSI 1306 or PHIL 1301	3
BIOL 2404 or BIOL 2301/2101	4
* MATH 1332 or 1342 or 1314	3
DNTA 1245 (Preventive Dentistry)	2
DNTA 1305 (Dental Radiology)	3
DNTA 1311 (Dental Science)	3
DNTA 1315 (Chairside Assisting)	3
DNTA 1202 (Comm and Behavior in the Dental Office)	2
DNTA 1301 (Dental Materials)	3
DNTA 1251 (Dental Office Management)	2
DNTA 1349 (Dental Radiology in the Clinic)	3
DNTA 1347 (Adv. Dental Science)	3
DNTA 1353 (Dental Assisting Applications)	3
DNTA 2230 (Seminar for the Dental Assistant I)	2
DNTA 1460 (Clinical-Dental Assisting)	4
DNTA 2260 (Clinical-Dental Assisting)	2
total:	60

*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
subtotal:	6
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 Applications)	3
DNTA 1460 (Clinical-Dental Assisting)	4
DNTA 2230 (Seminar for the Dental Assistant)	2
DNTA 2260 (Clinical-Dental Assisting)	2
total:	41

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