

DENTAL ASSISTING - REGISTERED, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

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Financial Aid Eligible

Dental assisting is a challenging field requiring skills in chairside assisting, dental radiology, preventive therapy, patient management, receptionist duties, expanded functions and office management.

Qualified dental assistants find employment opportunities in a variety of settings such as private dental offices, specialty practices, federal or state dental programs and dental schools.

The Dental Assisting program is accredited by the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs, Dental Board of California, 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550, Sacramento, CA 95815.

RDA functions are taught to laboratory competency and clinical competency where applicable. A list of laboratory and clinical competencies is available upon request.

Students must complete all required courses with a grade of "C" or better.

Program application process is accomplished by online application through the college. Although applications are accepted throughout the year, the Dental Assisting Registered program starts only in the fall semester of every school year.

This program is a sequential program. All fall semester courses must be taken concurrently in the fall semester. All spring semester courses must be taken concurrently in the spring semester.

Complete the Certificate of Achievement and Associate in Science Graduation Requirements as outlined in the Graduation Requirements section of the catalog.

Program Outcome

The outcome of the program is to meet the needs of the local health care community by preparing students for employment as a professional and competent registered dental assistant.

Review Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/graduation-requirements/associate-degree/>) and General Education (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/>).

Course	Title	Units
Required Prerequisites		
ALH A010 or ALH A012	Health Occupations Health Occupations for Dental and Medical Assisting	0.5
Required Courses		
DA A100	Dental Anatomy	2
DA A101	Patient Care for Dental Assistants	2
DA A110	Chairside Techniques 1	3

Course	Title	Units
DA A115	Chairside Techniques 2	2
DA A120	Dental Materials	2.5
DA A125	Expanded Functions	2
DA A130	Preventive and Community Dentistry	1
DA A140	Dental Radiography 1	3
DA A145	Specialized Practices	2
DA A150	Biomedical Sciences	2
DA A160	Clinical Experience 1	1
DA A163	Clinical Experience 2	1
DA A165	Clinical Experience 3	3
DA A168	Clinical Experience 4	1
DA A175	Principles of Business and Practice Management	1.5
Total Major Units		29.5
OCC AS General Education ^{1,2}		up to 21
Transferable electives as needed to satisfy unit requirements		varies
Total Minimum Degree Units - OCC AS GE		60

Dental Assisting – Registered Suggested Electives

CIS A100 Introduction to Computer Applications
 CMST A100 Interpersonal Communication
 COMM C1000 (COMM A110) Introduction to Public Speaking
 COUN A105 Strategies for College Success
 ENGL C1000 (ENGL A100) Academic Reading and Writing
 PHIL A120 Ethics
 PSYC C1000 (PSYC A100) Introduction to Psychology

Program approved by the American Dental Association. Graduates are eligible to take the California Registered Dental Assistant Exam upon program completion and qualify for their State radiation license and coronal polishing, pit and fissure sealant and ultrasonic scaling for cement removal certificates.

¹ Some program major units may also meet GE requirements.

² Cal-GETC pattern (up to 34 units) may be substituted.

Program Sequence

These sequences at Orange Coast College are general course curriculum maps for students to finish all major and general education requirements for two-year completion of degrees, and/or fulfillment of transfer requirements. The course sequence may include course prerequisites and other placement requirements. **Students are advised to meet with an Orange Coast College Counselor to review course selections and sequences to ensure that completion of this program will meet a student's transfer and career goals.**

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
Semester 1		
ALH A010 or ALH A012	Health Occupations or Health Occupations for Dental and Medical Assisting	0.5
OCC AS GE AREA 1A- CHOOSE ONE		3
OCC AS GE AREA 2 - CHOOSE ONE		3-4

Course	Title	Units
OCC AS GE AREA 3 - CHOOSE ONE		3
OCC AS GE AREA 4 - CHOOSE ONE		3
ELECTIVE (DEGREE APPLICABLE) ¹		3

Units	15.5-16.5
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Semester 2

OCC AS GE AREA 1B - CHOOSE ONE	3-4
OCC AS GE AREA 5 - CHOOSE ONE	3-4
OCC AS GE AREA 6 - CHOOSE ONE	3
ELECTIVE (DEGREE APPLICABLE) ¹	6.5

Units	15.5-17.5
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Year 2**Semester 1**

Acceptance into the OCC Dental Assisting Program Required
(Cohort Restriction)

DA A100	Dental Anatomy	2
DA A101	Patient Care for Dental Assistants	2
DA A110	Chairside Techniques 1	3
DA A120	Dental Materials	2.5
DA A130	Preventive and Community Dentistry	1
DA A140	Dental Radiography 1	3
DA A160	Clinical Experience 1	1

Units	14.5
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Semester 2

DA A115	Chairside Techniques 2	2
DA A125	Expanded Functions	2
DA A145	Specialized Practices	2
DA A150	Biomedical Sciences	2
DA A163	Clinical Experience 2	1
DA A165	Clinical Experience 3	3
DA A168	Clinical Experience 4	1
DA A175	Principles of Business and Practice Management	1.5

Units	14.5
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Total Units	60-63
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¹ VARIES TO REACH MINIMUM 60 DEGREE APPLICABLE UNITS