

Dental Assisting Diploma (DA12)

DESCRIPTION

The Dental Assisting accredited program prepares students for employment in a variety of positions in today's dental offices. The Dental Assisting program provides learning opportunities which introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Additionally, the program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills or to retrain in the area of dental assisting. Graduates of the program receive a Dental Assisting diploma and are eligible to sit for a national certification examination.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Dental Assisting program are prepared for responsible positions in private offices, public health dentistry, dental school clinics, and federal and state community clinics.

ACCREDITATION

The Dental Assisting program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements." The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

Dental assistants who choose to become nationally certified may take the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB). Students may sit for the national exam upon completion of the program.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

1. Submit a completed application and application fee;
2. Be at least 18 years of age;
 - Submit official high school transcript or GED transcript;
 - ENGL 1010, MATH 1012, PSYC 1010, COMP 1000, and ALHS 1040 must be completed prior to beginning program courses fall semester
 - Minimum GPA of 2.5 before beginning program courses
 - Meet the following assessment requirements

TEST	Reading	Writing	Numerical
COMPASS	70	32	26
SAT	430	NA	400
ACT	13	12	17

DENTAL ASSISTING CURRICULUM

The curriculum for the Dental Assisting diploma program is designed for the semester system. A student may enter any semester to take general core courses. The Dental Assisting program course sequence begins fall semester only. To graduate, diploma-seeking students must earn a minimum of 56 semester credit hours. The program requires a minimum of 1260 contact hours and generally takes 4 semesters to complete.

<u>Program Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Basic Skills Courses	9
ENGL 1010 - Fundamentals of English I (OL)	3
MATH 1012 - Foundations of Mathematics (OL)	3
PSYC 1010 - Basic Psychology (OL)	3
Occupational Courses	47
COMP 1000 - Introduction to Computers (OL)	3

ALHS 1040 - Introduction to Health Care	3
DENA 1010 - Basic Human Biology*	1
DENA 1050 - Microbiology and Infection Control*	2
DENA 1080 - Dental Biology*	5
DENA 1340 - Dental Assisting I: General Chair side*	6
DENA 1030 - Preventive Dentistry*	2
DENA 1070 - Oral Pathology and Therapeutics*	2
DENA 1350 - Dental Assisting II: Dental Specialties and EFDA Skills*	7
DENA 1390 - Dental Radiology*	4
DENA 1460 - Dental Practicum I*	1
DENA 1090 - Dental Assisting National Board Examination Preparation*	2
DENA 1400 - Dental Practice Management*	3
DENA 1470 - Dental Practicum II*	1
DENA 1480 - Dental Practicum III*	5

*(OL) designation indicates course may be available online during selected semesters. * "C" or higher grade is required for this course.*

PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition/Fees: \$5,100

Books/Supplies: \$950

Uniform Costs: Approximately \$200*

Liability Insurance: \$11 per fiscal year

Certification Exam: \$375-\$550

Physical Exam: \$150

TB Test: \$40

Hepatitis B Series: \$265

Dosimeter Badge: \$45

#4402 Forensic Drug Panel (7) or similar screening: \$25

Criminal Background Check: \$39-\$80

** Uniforms are required beginning 2nd semester.*

(Costs are estimates and are subject to change.)

CLINICAL EDUCATION

Number of Clinical Sites: 16

General Location of the Clinical Sites:

Bulloch, Evans, and Screven Counties and Fort Stewart

Special Requirements of the Clinical Sites:

3. CPR Certification
4. Prior to beginning clinical practicum, students must submit a medical exam stating that the student is in good health. This must include documentation of TB skin testing, all required immunizations, including Hepatitis B. Students who refuse the Hepatitis B vaccination series must sign a declination form and be aware that clinical sites may refuse to accept them. Forms will be provided by the instructor.
5. Criminal background check
6. Urine drug screening

Clinical Education Courses

The Dental Assisting practicums provide students with opportunities to observe and assist in a dental office setting. The clinical practicums allow the student to become involved in a work situation at a professional level.

Clinical Assignments

The student is required to spend a minimum of 45 in DENA 1460, 45 hours in DENA 1470, and 225 hours in DENA 1480 in a supervised work setting. Assigned clinical times may range from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

Clinical sites are selected by the program administrator. Students are responsible for having reliable transportation to the site.

Readmission to the Dental Assisting Program

Students may request readmission into the Dental Assisting program after a leave of absence. A student wishing to re-enter the program must understand that readmission is granted on a space available basis, based on the program's criteria, the accrediting agency criteria, and clinical capacity. Readmission will be considered only if there are slots available. The same applies to a student who wishes to transfer into the Dental Assisting program from another accredited Dental Assisting program.

A student who is dropped from the Dental Assisting program due to academic reasons, attendance, or having received a grade of less than a "C" in any Dental Assisting course will be limited to ONE-TIME re-entry into the program.

Students seeking readmission to the program more than 12 months from the date of their last completed semester will only be readmitted fall semester and will be required to retake all Dental Assisting courses previously completed.

A student desiring to re-enroll in the Dental Assisting program within 12 months of their last completed semester must follow the following policies and procedures.

- Submit a letter to the Dean for Health Sciences and to the Program Administrator of Dental Assisting which explains the circumstances of the student's previous withdrawal from and/or failure to complete the program. The letter must be received no later than mid-semester of the semester prior to readmission.
- Take a written examination covering materials taught in previously completed Dental Assisting courses. If the student does not make a minimum grade of 75, he/she will be required to retake previous coursework.
- Take a practical lab examination covering competencies taught in previously completed Dental Assisting courses. If the student does not make a minimum grade of 80 with no critical errors, he/she will be required to retake previous coursework.
- All health requirements (criminal background check, drug test, tuberculin test, immunizations, CPR certification, physical examination, and any additional requirements) must be current before entering a clinical rotation.

TOP 10 REASONS

why OTC is the right choice for you!

1. Great-paying careers!
2. Strong **job placement!**
3. Affordable tuition with financial aid options you don't have to pay back!
4. Over 100 majors to choose from!
5. Flexible class scheduling: day, evening, and online classes!
6. Faculty with real-world experience
7. Hands-on learning
8. Small class sizes
9. An Associate's Degree, diploma, or certificate in less 2 years or less!
10. We **GUARANTEE** your education!

GET STARTED TODAY!

1. Select a program! Free career counseling is available.
2. Review the Admissions Checklist and **APPLY** online at www.ogeecheetech.edu!
3. Plan for expenses. You can view tuition and fees and available financial aid options online as well.

QUESTIONS:

Contact Admissions at 912.688.6994 or via email at enrollmentservices@ogeecheetech.edu!

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