

Dental Assisting Certificate – 36 Credits

Important Information

Courses start every summer semester

Seats in program are first-come, first-served – no additional application is required

Prerequisites for program requirements are RDG095 and MAT090/MAT095

Students must attend a mandatory dental assisting orientation meeting (typically held prior to start of semester)

Program Requirements

Summer Semester

*BIO116, BIO116L (May start)	4 credits
DEN101, DEN101L (July start)	4 credits
DEN109 (July start)	3 credits
**COM108 or COM103	3 credits

Fall Semester

DEN104, DEN104L	3 credits
DEN107, DEN107L	3 credits
DEN110, DEN110L	4 credits
**COM108 or COM103	3 credits

Spring Semester

DEN115	2 credits
DEN120	3 credits
DEN140	3 credits
DEN240	4 credits

*Must be taken before program or in Summer semester.

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Pathway options:

Pathway I - new to field (most students)

Student who has no dental background; completes all Dental Assisting required courses; receives certificate at completion of program; can take the Maryland General Dental Assisting Expanded Functions (MDG) exam and the DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam through Dental Assistant National Board, Inc. (DANB).

Pathway II – has experience but needs certified as a Qualified Dental Assistant

Student who is currently working in a dental office and wants to be certified as a Qualified Dental Assistant (expanded functions in Maryland); student must prove at least one year full-time or two years part-time dental assisting experience in a dental office (letter from current employer); completes Dental Assisting II course only; can take the Maryland General Dental Assisting Expanded Functions (MDG) exam through Dental Assistant National Board, Inc. (DANB). Student may be accepted if there is an open seat in the DEN 110 course.

Pathway III – has experience but needs certified as a Dental Radiation Technologist

Student who is currently working in a dental office and wants to become certified as a Dental Radiation Technologist; student must prove at least one year of employment at a dental office (letter from current employer) ; completes Dental Radiology course only; can take the DANB Radiation and Health and Safety (RHS) exam through Dental Assistant National Board, Inc. (DANB). Student may be accepted if there is an open seat in the DEN 104 course.

Check out HCC's College Catalog for details on programs and courses:

