

DENTAL ASSISTING

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Dental Assisting Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and Dental Board of the State of California. The program features full-time, part-time, and fast-track schedules. The full-time schedule can be completed in one year. The part-time schedule must be completed within three years of continuous enrollment. The fast-track schedule is completed in a shorter time depending on student and clinical availability.

Students receive a comprehensive education including dental sciences, hands-on practice laboratory, dental radiation safety certification, coronal polishing and sealant certificate, clinical experience in a community dental practice, state-of-the-art technology, dental business management preparation and familiarity with dental specialty practices. Students completing the program are eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board Examination Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) as well as the Registered Dental Assistant Examination (RDA).

CAREER AT A GLANCE:

HOW DO I KNOW IF THIS MAJOR IS FOR ME?

- You enjoy working with people
- You enjoy taking and recording data
- You like working with various tools and machinery
- You are able to assist and care for others
- You enjoy establishing and maintaining interpersonal relationships
- You like operating computer software programs
- You enjoy building and developing teams

Use Focus2Career on your MyChaffey portal to learn more about careers and majors that fit you best.

WHERE CAN I WORK?

Dentist Office	Orthodontist Office
Dental Labs	Hospitals
Colleges & Universities	Outpatient Care Centers
State Government	

For more information visit: www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

- Review the program website and the notes below for more information about program requirements
- Attend an information session
- Obtain your CPR card
- Job shadow and network with dental professionals

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS CERTIFICATE AND/OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Dental Assistant	\$37,570
Oral Surgery Assistant	\$36,066
Orthodontic Assistant	\$42,000
Dental Lab Technician	\$40,900

WHAT CAN I DO WITH HIGHER EDUCATION AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Dental Hygienist	\$99,210
Dentist	\$135,490
Orthodontist	\$205,500
Prosthodontist	\$185,150* <i>US Median</i>
Oral Surgeon	\$208,000+

For more information about careers, education and training requirements, salary data, and job outlooks visit www.onetonline.org.

NOTES:

1. Applicants must be a high school graduate, pass the GED test, pass the High School Proficiency examination, or have associates degree or higher. International transcripts must have AERC, IERF or approved agency evaluation.
2. All courses required for the degree major or certificate must be completed with a minimum grade of C.
3. The following are required before entering the Dental Program: a.) completion of a health examination with required immunizations; b.) have a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) card; c.) Pass a background check.
4. The student must have transportation to clinical facilities.
5. The Dental Assisting Program must be completed with a three-year period.
6. Applicants with a record of any felony are subject to review by the Dental Board of California before becoming licensed by the state of California.
7. Candidates for the RDA Exam will complete fingerprinting.
8. The Dental Assisting Program has adopted policies and procedures on preventing transmission of blood-borne pathogens based upon CDC Guidelines. Compliance with these policies and procedures are an ethical obligation and responsibility of all participants in delivery of care in the Chaffey Dental Assisting Program.

LEGEND: G=Grade IP=In Progress N=Need **Bold: Prerequisites** Plain Text: No Prerequisites

Major Requirements for the Associate in Science Degree: (S121)

		Grade	IP	Need	Units
DENTAL 405	Basic Dental Sciences				3
DENTAL 415	Dental Chairside Skills I				2.5
DENTAL 415L	Dental Chairside Skills I Lab				2
DENTAL 425	Dental Materials				2
DENTAL 425L	Dental Materials Lab				1
DENTAL 435	Infection Control in Dentistry				2
DENTAL 435L	Infection Control in Dentistry Lab				0.5
DENTAL 445	Oral Radiology				2
DENTAL 445L	Oral Radiology Lab				1.5
DENTAL 455	Dental Office Procedures				2
DENTAL 455L	Dental Office Procedures Lab				0.5
DENTAL 460	Clinical Experience I				2
DENTAL 465	Clinical Experience II				1
DENTAL 465L	Clinical Experience II Lab				4
DENTAL 475	Dental Specialty Skills				2
DENTAL 475L	Dental Specialty Skills Lab				0.5
DENTAL 480	Dental Chairside Skills II				2
DENTAL 480L	Dental Chairside Skills II Lab				1
DENTAL 490	Advanced Clinical Procedures				1
DENTAL 490L	Advanced Clinical Procedures Lab				0.5

Strongly Recommended:

DENTAL 600	Dental Basic Skills I				0
DENTAL 605	Dental Assisting Advanced Skills				0

Major Requirements for the Dental Assisting Certificate: (T121)

Same as the major requirements for the A.S. Degree

In addition to completion of the MAJOR, there are other requirements for the degree, refer to the Chaffey College Graduation Requirement Sheet or see a counselor in the Counseling Center.
 All courses required for a certificate must be completed with a minimum grade of C.

Student Name: _____

ID#: _____

Date: _____

Counselor: _____

COUNSELOR NOTES:

\$46 per unit for CA Residents
