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).

Graduates are eligible for employment in private dental practices, clinics, and hospitals as assistants, technicians, and dental practice management positions.

HOW DO I KNOW 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

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS CERTIFICATE/ASSOCIATE DEGREE?
- Dental Assistant
- Oral Surgery Assistant
- Orthodontic Assistant
- Dental Lab Technician

WHERE CAN I WORK?
This pathway provides you with a choice of various work environments including:
- Dentist Office
- Orthodontist Office
- Dental Labs
- Hospitals
- Colleges and Universities
- Outpatient Care Centers
- State Government

WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL WAGE OUTLOOK?
This certificate and/or associate degree may lead to a position as a Dental Assistant, which according to the EDD/LMID Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2017 the median wage in California was $44,979 annually, or $21.63 per hour. For more information, visit www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides.

The job and wage outlook will vary based on the position selected within this major. To review current salary information and job outlook, visit www.onetonline.org.

WHAT CAN I DO IN THE FUTURE WITH MORE EDUCATION?
The positions below require additional education and training. According to O*NetOnline, the median salary in 2016 for Dental Hygienists in California was $96,310.
- Dental Hygienist
- Dentist
- Orthodontist
- Prosthodontist
- Oral Surgeon

For additional information about career pathways and to find out if this major is a good fit for you visit the Career Center located in MACC 203. Career information was collected from www.onetonline.org and www.bls.gov.
MAJOR AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

NOTES:
1. High school graduation, pass the GED test, or 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. Before entering the preclinical portion of the Dental Assisting Program, students must pass health examination as evidence of good mental and physical health, and must have a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) card.
4. The college does not provide transportation to clinical facilities.
5. Courses taken to meet Dental Hygiene transfer program prerequisites or another accredited Dental Assisting program courses may satisfy certain Dental Assisting course work. Consult with your counselor or the Dental Assisting Program Coordinator.
6. Part-time Dental Assisting program may be taken while meeting Dental Hygiene transfer program prerequisites.
7. Some courses may be taken during the student’s senior year in high school. Consult with your counselor or the Dental Assisting Program Coordinator.
8. The Dental Assisting Program must be completed within a three year period.
9. 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.

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

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**Major Requirements for the Dental Assisting Certificate: (T120)**
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