

EXPANDED DUTY DENTAL ASSISTING DIPLOMA IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Program Description

This program prepares students to work as clinical dental assistants to receive and prepare patients for dental care, assist dentists and dental hygienists chairside, exposing dental x-rays, creating temporary crowns, and make impressions of teeth for study models. Students are educated and cross-trained in office management skills such as computer dental software management, maintaining confidential patient records, scheduling patient appointments, and insurance billing.

Mission Statement

The primary mission of the GTC Expanded Duty Dental Assistant program is to provide nationally certified expanded duty dental assistants to serve the dental community. Graduates are expected to assume responsibility for personal and professional growth and to enhance knowledge and skills through continued education and lifelong learning.

Entrance Requirements

High school diploma or GED

See "Program Requirements" Section for additional requirements.

Type of Program

Day (some evening classes/clinics required).

Employment Opportunities

Dental offices, public health departments, dental schools.

Professional Credentials

CDA- Certified Dental Assistant (subject to passing Dental Assisting National Board exam)

Program Accreditation

The Commission on Dental Accreditation, American Dental Association

Visit our web page at <https://www.gvltec.edu/dental/>.

Program Requirements

Prior to acceptance students must

- Meet the specific program requirements outlined in The School of Health Sciences admissions requirements.
- Apply for program admission from January 15-May 1 of each year. Seats are awarded to the most highly-qualified applicants based upon weighted criteria and on a space-available basis.
- Complete an online Career Talk session for the major within one year of application and program orientation after acceptance.

An acceptable criminal background check and a negative 10-panel drug screen are required after acceptance into the dental assisting program and before beginning class experience.

Requirements for Completion

- A grade of "C" or higher is required in every course- prerequisites and dental assisting.
- Completion of all of the general education courses with grades of A or B will earn the student higher points toward the weighted admission to the program.
- Students must purchase supply kits and uniforms at the start of the program from vendors selected by the Expanded Duty Dental Assisting program.
- Students must be able to provide transportation and attend all clinical experiences.
- Students must take and pass all three portions of the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) in order to graduate from Greenville Technical College and become a certified dental assistant (CDA). Each semester, one portion of the DANB must be taken and passed during the required course to continue in the program. Students are responsible for exam fees each semester.

Recommended Program Schedule

Listed below is the ideal grouping of courses in order by semester. This plan assumes a full-time schedule. Note, however, that many variables can affect this plan, and not every course is offered every semester. Please see your advisor to map out your own personalized progression toward graduation.

Course	Title	Hours
Pre-program courses		
BIO 112	Basic Anatomy & Physiology ^{1,2}	4
ENG 101	English Composition I ¹	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology ¹	3
	Select one of the following:	3
COL 105	Freshman Seminar ³	
HSS 295	Leadership Through the Humanities ³	
SPC 205	Public Speaking ^{1,3,4}	3
First Semester		
DAT 115	Ethics & Professionalism	1
DAT 116	Fundamentals of Dental Medicine	3
DAT 118	Dental Morphology	2
DAT 154	Clinical Procedures I	4
DAT 113	Dental Materials	4
Second Semester		
DAT 121	Dental Health Education	2
DAT 127	Dental Radiology	4
DAT 160	Expanded Duties/Specialties	2
DAT 175	Introduction to Clinical Experience	5
Third Semester		
DAT 122	Dental Office Management	2
DAT 177	Dental Office Experience	7
Total Required Credit Hours		52

¹ General education course

It is strongly recommended that the five (5) general education courses be taken prior to applying to the Dental Assisting program. Points will be assigned for the completion of these courses that will facilitate entry into the program.

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² The combination of the higher level BIO 210 Anatomy & Physiology I and BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology II or BIO 215 Anatomy and BIO 216 Physiology will substitute for BIO 112 Basic Anatomy & Physiology, if the student has successfully completed both courses with a grade of "C" or better.

³ For students who also intend to apply to the Dental Hygiene program, HSS 295 Leadership Through the Humanities should be taken in place of COL 105 Freshman Seminar and SPC 205 Public Speaking should be taken for the Speech requirement.

⁴ SPC 208 Intercultural Communication and SPC 209 Interpersonal Communication are also acceptable for this program