

DENTAL ASSISTING (DEA)

DEA 1010 Introduction to Dental Assisting**Credit Hours:** 2**Prerequisites:** Admission to Dental Assisting program required**Lab Fee:** Yes

Students gain theoretical knowledge in the history of dentistry, duties of the dental assistant and other dental team members, dental ethics and jurisprudence, professional conduct, patient relations, and dental terminology.

DEA 1051 Dental Pharmacology and Pain Control**Credit Hours:** 2**Prerequisites:** DES 1020 and DESL 1020 - both courses with a grade of "C" or higher

Students gain theoretical knowledge regarding pharmacological agents used in dentistry for local anesthesia and pain control, including monitoring nitrous-oxide conscious sedation.

DEA 1136 Allied Dental Theory**Credit Hours:** 3

This course provides a scientific base in embryology/histology, oral pathology, microbiology, dental psychology, and nutrition.

DEA 1152 Dental Psychology**Credit Hours:** 1

This course is designed to introduce students to the basic theories of psychology in order to better understand behavioral patterns as they relate to dentistry and dental patients.

DEA 1805 Clinical Practice 1**Credit Hours:** 4

This course is designed to introduce students to the basic theories and procedures involved in general and specialty dental practices including restorative/cosmetic dentistry, endodontics, periodontics, pediatric dentistry, oral/maxillofacial surgery and implants, fixed and removable prosthodontics, special needs, and the culturally diverse patient.

DEA 1936 Dental Seminar**Credit Hours:** 1

Students review for the Dental Assisting National Board exam and gain skills for seeking employment.