

DENTAL ASSISTING, APPLIED TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMA

Program Code: DATD

Meta-Major: HSCI

Location(s): Cocoa

Delivery Method(s): On-Campus

Previous Degree Required: HS Diploma

Eligible for Financial Aid: Yes

Additional Limited Access Application Process Required: Yes

Program Testing Requirements:

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 51.0601

Florida Department of Education CIP Code: 0351060108

This ATD is part of the [Dental Assisting Technology and Management A.S.](#) degree program.

The dental assistant's primary role is to assist the dentist with chair-side procedures. The dental assistant also works independently performing delegated duties such as taking X-rays, impressions, placing sealants, and polishing the crowns of the teeth. This program provides preparation for all aspects of dental assisting including clinical, laboratory, and office responsibilities. Clinical skills assisting the dentist and performing expanded duties are mastered onsite in the dental clinic on the Cocoa campus and at local dental offices and clinics. Laboratory skills include pouring and trimming models of the teeth and fabrication of bleaching trays. Business office skills taught include scheduling patient appointments and filing insurance claims. The Applied Technical Degree (ATD) is a one year, 50 college credit degree.

The ATD program is offered on campus during the day (Daytime) and online with evening labs (Outreach). Fifty credits from the Dental Assisting ATD transfer into the [Dental Assisting Technology and Management A.S.](#) degree. Twenty two credits from the Dental Assisting ATD transfer into the [Dental Hygiene A.S.](#) degree. Courses that transfer into the [Dental Hygiene A.S.](#) degree must be current within the past three years. Admission to the Dental Assisting ATD program is limited. [Visit the program page for more details and how to apply](#) or call (321) 433-7575.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Courses		
BSCC 1084	Survey of Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
DEA 1010	Introduction to Dental Assisting	2
DEA 1051	Dental Pharmacology and Pain Control	2
DEA 1136	Allied Dental Theory	3
DEA 1805	Clinical Practice 1	4
DEA 1936	Dental Seminar	1
DEAL 1805	Clinical Practice 1 Laboratory	5
DEAL 1855	Clinical Practice 2 Laboratory	5
DES 1020	Head, Neck, and Dental Anatomy	2
DES 1200	Dental Radiography	2
DES 1502	Dental Office Management	1
DES 1600	Dental Office Emergencies	1
DES 1800	Introduction to Clinical Procedures	2
DES 1840	Preventive Dentistry	2

DES 2100	Dental Materials	2
DESC 2832	Expanded Functions for Dental Auxiliaries	2
DESC 2833	Expanded Functions for Dental Auxiliaries 2	3
DESL 1020	Head, Neck, and Dental Anatomy Laboratory	1
DESL 1200	Dental Radiography Laboratory	1
DESL 1800	Introduction to Clinical Procedures Laboratory	1
DESL 2100	Dental Materials Laboratory	1
HSCC 1000	Introduction to Healthcare	3
Total Credit Hours		50

Note: A grade of "C" or higher is necessary in each major course for progression and graduation.

Learning Outcomes: Dental Assisting ATD

- Demonstrate knowledge of the role of dental assistant.
 - Core Ability Supported: Process Information*
- Demonstrate professional behavior consistent with employer expectations for the dental assistant (affective domain).
 - Core Ability Supported: Model Ethical and Civic Responsibility*
- Demonstrate the technical proficiency in all the skills necessary to fulfill the role as a dental assistant (psychomotor domain).
 - Core Ability Supported: Think Critically and Solve Problems*
- Successfully pass the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) examination.
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