

DENTAL ASSISTING, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

The Dental Assisting Program introduces students to the high demand field of professional dental assisting. Dental assistants are a significant and valuable member of the dental health care team. Students are trained to perform a wide variety of duties including working chairside as patients are examined and treated, sterilizing instruments, and applying anti-cavity agents to teeth. Dental assisting students are also taught to perform laboratory duties such as taking impressions and making temporary crowns. Additionally, the Dental Assisting Program offers curriculum on executing office duties like scheduling and confirming patients, filing patient treatment records, and ordering dental supplies. The Dental Assisting Program at Oxnard College includes patient care practice in a fully equipped, on-site facility, as well as off campus externship experiences.

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
Required Core Courses		
DA R010	Introduction to Dental Assisting	3
DA R011	Beginning Radiology for Dental Assisting	3
DA R012	Dental Materials for Dental Assisting	3
DA R013	Occupational Health for Dental Assisting	1
DA R014	Introduction to Chairside Dental Assisting	2
DA R015	Dental Specialties for Dental Assisting	2
DA R020	Advanced Dental Assisting	2
DA R021	Practice Management for Dental Assisting	3
DA R022	Clinical Dental Assisting Experience	3
DA R023	Ethics and Jurisprudence for Dental Assisting	1
DA R024	Dental Assisting Seminar	2
DA R025	Dental Assisting Health Education	2
Total Required Major Units		27
Oxnard College General Education		29
Double-Counted Units		0
Free Electives Required		4
Total Units Required for AS Degree		60

To complete the Associate Degree, students must meet requirements in the major, general education, competency, units, scholarship, and residency. Refer to Education Pathways - Earn an Associate Degree and the A.A. or A.S. Degree in Specific Majors sections of this catalog.

Year 1		Units/Hours
Fall Semester		
GE Area D1 English Composition (choose ENGL R101 or ENGL R101H)		4
GE Area D2/Math Competency (choose one math course)		3-6
GE Area B1 American History/Institutions (choose one course)		3
GE Area C1 Fine/Performing Arts (choose one course)		3
Units/Hours		13-16
Spring Semester		
GE Area A1 Biological Science (choose one course)		3-5
GE Area B2 Social and Behavioral Sciences (choose one course)		3
GE Area C2 Humanities (choose one course)		3
GE Area E1 Health Education (choose one course)		3

GE Area E2 Physical Education/Kinesiology (choose one activity course)		1
Units/Hours		13-15
Summer Semester		
GE Area A2 Physical Science (choose one course)		3-5
Free Elective (choose one course)		4
Units/Hours		7-9
Year 2		
Fall Semester		
DA R010	Introduction to Dental Assisting	3
DA R011	Beginning Radiology for Dental Assisting	3
DA R012	Dental Materials for Dental Assisting	3
DA R013	Occupational Health for Dental Assisting	1
DA R014	Introduction to Chairside Dental Assisting	2
DA R015	Dental Specialties for Dental Assisting	2
Units/Hours		14
Spring Semester		
DA R020	Advanced Dental Assisting	2
DA R021	Practice Management for Dental Assisting	3
DA R022	Clinical Dental Assisting Experience	3
DA R023	Ethics and Jurisprudence for Dental Assisting	1
DA R024	Dental Assisting Seminar	2
DA R025	Dental Assisting Health Education	2
Units/Hours		13
Total Units/Hours		60-67

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Effectively practice anti-cariogenic techniques and employ the appropriate anti-cariogenic dental materials (e.g., administer oral hygiene instructions, apply fluoride varnish) under the proper supervision of a dentist.
- Examine the ethical and legal decisions inherent to the dental field and distinguish between unethical and illegal actions.
- Manage their fundamental roles in a dental practice.
- Employ the skills of chairside dental assisting in general practice and be able to compare and contrast those general practice skills to the duties of a dental assistant in specialty practice.
- Operate dental radiographic equipment properly and safely.