

# DENTAL ASSISTING

The Dental Assisting Program prepares 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 such as scheduling and confirming patients, updating and maintaining patient dental records, ordering dental supplies, and assisting with general office administration.

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.

The Dental Assisting program is not a selective program. There are no additional mandatory fees for the Dental Assisting program beyond enrollment (tuition) fees, Health Fees, and Student Center Fees.

## DA R010 Introduction to Dental Assisting 3 Units

*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

*Corequisites:* DA R011 and DA R012 and DA R013 and DA R014 and DA R015

*Advisories/Rec Prep:* High School Diploma or GED and ENGL C1000 or ENGL C1000H

*Enrollment Limitations:* Current CPR certification for health care provider (American Heart Association) or professional rescuer (American Red Cross). Proof of freedom from and immunity to communicable diseases. No acrylic or long nails in clinical settings. Current negative TB test or chest x-ray. Physical examination demonstrating general good health. No visible tattoos or visible body piercings except single studs in earlobes. Admittance to Dental Assisting program per application process.

This course is an introduction to dental assisting, dental terminology, basic anatomy of the oral cavity, dental anatomy and physiology, oral embryology, tooth morphology, classifications of restorations, preliminary oral inspection, charting existing conditions of the hard and soft tissues, taking and recording vital signs and the introduction to systemic conditions which may affect dental care.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** None

## DA R011 Beginning Radiology for Dental Assisting 3 Units

*In-Class Hours:* 35 lecture, 52.5 laboratory

*Corequisites:* DA R010 and DA R012 and DA R013 and DA R014 and DA R015

*Advisories/Rec Prep:* High School Diploma or GED and ENGL C1000 or ENGL C1000H

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Admittance to Dental Assisting program per application process.

This course teaches the fundamentals of radiation safety and the operation of dental radiology equipment, along with the clinical application of procedures involved in exposing, processing, mounting and interpreting dental radiographs.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** None

## DA R012 Dental Materials for Dental Assisting 3 Units

*In-Class Hours:* 35 lecture, 52.5 laboratory

*Corequisites:* DA R010 and DA R011 and DA R013 and DA R014, and DA R015

*Advisories/Rec Prep:* High School Diploma or GED and ENGL C1000 or ENGL C1000H

*Enrollment Limitations:* Current CPR certification for health care provider (American Heart Association) or professional rescuer (American Red Cross). Proof of freedom from and immunity to communicable diseases.

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Admittance to the Dental Assisting program per application process. .

This course teaches the composition and use of restorative materials, impressions materials, pouring dental impressions, the procedural steps in using composite resin material, temporary restorative materials used in dentistry and the role of the dental team in the various procedures performed.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** None

**DA R013 Occupational Health for Dental Assisting 1 Unit***In-Class Hours:* 17.5 lecture*Corequisites:* DA R010 and DA R011 and DA R012 and DA R014 and and DA R015*Advisories/Rec Prep:* High School Diploma or GED and ENGL C1000 or ENGL C1000H

*Enrollment Limitations:* Current CPR certification for health care provider (American Heart Association) or professional rescuer (American Red Cross). Proof of freedom from and immunity to communicable diseases. No acrylic or long nails in clinical settings. Current negative TB test or chest x-ray. Physical examination demonstrating general good health. No visible tattoos or visible body piercings except single studs in earlobes. Admittance to Dental Assisting program per application process. This course teaches the dental assistant the rules and regulations in a dental office that are required by the federal, state and local regulations concerning the handling of hazardous chemicals, employee safety and waste management.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**DA R014 Introduction to Chairside Dental Assisting 2 Units***In-Class Hours:* 105 laboratory*Corequisites:* DA R010 and DA R011 and DA R012 and DA R013, and DA R015*Advisories/Rec Prep:* High School Diploma or GED and ENGL C1000 or ENGL C1000H

*Enrollment Limitations:* Current CPR certification for health care provider (American Heart Association) or professional rescuer (American Red Cross). Proof of freedom from and immunity to communicable diseases. No acrylic or long nails in clinical settings. Current negative TB test or chest x-ray. Physical examination demonstrating general good health. No visible tattoos or visible body piercings except single studs in earlobes. Admittance to Dental Assisting program per application process. This class is an introduction to the chairside dental assistant, preparing the patient for dental treatment, positioning of the patient, operator and assistant for four-handed and six-handed dentistry. Students will learn how to obtain patient health history and vital signs, treatment planning and data gathering. In addition, instrument grasp/transfer, triplex syringe use, oral evacuation and retraction will be taught. Identification and use of hand instruments, equipment maintenance, tub, tray and cassette set-ups of the basic general dental procedures will be learned.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**DA R015 Dental Specialties for Dental Assisting 2 Units***In-Class Hours:* 17.5 lecture, 52.5 laboratory*Corequisites:* DA R010 and R011 and DA R012 and DA R013 and and DA R014*Advisories/Rec Prep:* High School Diploma or GED and ENGL C1000 or ENGL C1000H

*Enrollment Limitations:* Current CPR certification for health care provider (American Heart Association) or professional rescuer (American Red Cross). Proof of freedom from and immunity to communicable diseases. No acrylic or long nails in clinical settings. Current negative TB test or chest x-ray. Physical examination demonstrating general good health. No visible tattoos or visible body piercings except single studs in earlobes. Admittance to Dental Assisting program per application process. This course provides instruction in assisting and instrumentation for the following specialties in dentistry: orthodontics, endodontics, periodontics, removable prosthodontics, pediatric dentistry and oral maxillofacial surgery, and assisting in the administration of nitrous oxide.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**DA R020 Advanced Dental Assisting 2 Units***In-Class Hours:* 17.5 lecture, 52.5 laboratory*Prerequisites:* DA R010 and DA R011 and DA R012 and DA R013, and DA R014 and and DA R015*Corequisites:* DA R021 and DA R022 and DA R023 and DA R024 and DA R025*Advisories/Rec Prep:* High School Diploma or GED and ENGL C1000 and ENGL C1000H

*Enrollment Limitations:* Current CPR certification for health care provider (American Heart Association) or professional rescuer (American Red Cross). Proof of freedom from and immunity to communicable diseases. No acrylic or long nails in clinical settings. Current negative TB test or chest x-ray. Physical examination demonstrating general good health. No visible tattoos or visible body piercings except single studs in earlobes. This course focuses on the development of the pre-clinical skills required for the registered dental assisting student. Students are required to meet standards of competency for each registered dental assisting task. This class is designed to prepare students for the practical component of the California Registered Dental Assistant examination. Mannequins are used for most instruction.

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**DA R021 Practice Management for Dental Assisting 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 35 lecture, 52.5 laboratory*Prerequisites:* DA R010 and DA R011 and DA R012 and DA R013 and DA R014 and DA R015*Corequisites:* DA R020 and DA R022 and DA R023 and DA R024 and DA R025*Advisories/Rec Prep:* High School Diploma or GED and ENGL C1000 or ENGL C1000H

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**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**DA R022 Clinical Dental Assisting Experience 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 17.5 lecture, 105 laboratory*Prerequisites:* DA R010 and DA R011 and DA R012 and DA R013 and DA R014 and DA R015*Corequisites:* DA R020 and DA R021 and DA R023 and DA R024 and DA R025*Advisories/Rec Prep:* High School Diploma or GED and ENGL C1000 or ENGL C1000H

*Enrollment Limitations:* Current CPR certification for health care provider (American Heart Association) or professional rescuer (American Red Cross). Proof of freedom from and immunity to communicable diseases. No acrylic or long nails in clinical settings. Current negative TB test or chest x-ray. Physical examination demonstrating general good health. No visible tattoos or visible body piercings except single studs in earlobes. This course incorporates practical experience working in a private practice through a clinical externship. Experiences are in chairside and office management techniques. Seminars are used to evaluate and review clinical application.

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*Enrollment Limitations:* Current CPR certification for health care provider (American Heart Association) or professional rescuer (American Red Cross). Proof of freedom from and immunity to communicable diseases. No acrylic or long nails in clinical settings. Current negative TB test or chest x-ray. Physical examination demonstrating general good health. No visible tattoos or visible body piercings except single studs in earlobes. This course focuses on preparation for the written portion of the dental assisting certificate examination.

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**DA R025 Dental Assisting Health Education 2 Units**

*In-Class Hours:* 35 lecture

*Prerequisites:* DA R010 and DA R011 and DA R012 and DA R013 and DA R014 and DA R015

*Corequisites:* DA R020 and DA R021 and DA R022 and DA R023 and DA R024

*Advisories/Rec Prep:* High School Diploma or GED and ENGL C1000 or R101H

*Enrollment Limitations:* Current CPR certification for health care provider (American Heart Association) or professional rescuer (American Red Cross). Proof of freedom from and immunity to communicable diseases. No acrylic or long nails in clinical settings. Current negative TB test or chest x-ray. Physical examination demonstrating general good health. No visible tattoos or visible body piercings except single studs in earlobes. This course teaches the principles and practices of prevention and control of dental diseases with emphasis on nutrition, plaque control, motivation, and chairside patient education.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** None

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