

Dental Assisting

Two-Year Associate of General Studies

One-Year Certificate of Completion

Purpose Prepares graduates for employment in the dental field with emphasis on current concepts and hands-on skills for clinical chairside assisting. Included classes also offer some cross-training and pathways to receptionist-bookkeeper.

Learning Outcomes The graduate will:

- demonstrate knowledge and skills required to collect diagnostic data systematically.
- demonstrate knowledge and skills required to perform a variety of clinically supportive treatments.
- demonstrate knowledge and skill required to accurately expose, develop and mount diagnostic radiographs.
- demonstrate knowledge and skills required for business office procedures.
- demonstrate knowledge and skills required to access information via dental journals and web sites.
- demonstrate knowledge and skills needed to compute mixing amounts for impression materials, cements, and disinfecting/sterilizing solutions, as well as calculate plaque indexing and inverse square law formulas.

Employment Trends About 96 percent of graduates find employment in the Eugene/Springfield area. The remaining four percent are able to find employment in other parts of the state. The state economist projects 19 openings available annually in Lane County, and 210 openings annually statewide.

Wages Starting salary in the Eugene/Springfield area ranges from \$14.00-17.00 hourly or \$28,560-34,680 annually. Average 2010 wages in Lane County were \$19.59, hourly, or \$39,558, annually. Statewide average 2010 wages were \$18.37 hourly, or \$37,895, annually.

Program Accreditation American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation, a specialized accrediting board recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Licensing or Other Certification Students complete three National Board examinations each year administered by the Dental Assisting national Board, and are also eligible to receive all state required credentials.

Admission Information Contact the Health Professions Department or see lanecc.edu/hp/dental/da.htm

For assistance with meeting application or program requirements, contact Counseling and Advising in Building 1 room 103 or E-mail DAProgram@lanecc.edu with your specific questions. An online Academic Advising resource can be found by going to lanecc.edu/. Choose the "Moodle" link and in search courses type in the program name you are interested in (e.g. Dental Assisting). Select "Academic Advising Resources for Dental Assisting".

Continuing Education The employed dental assistant may be eligible to register for any course offered if space permits and if

the working assistant meets state credentialing qualifications by contacting the Program Coordinator, Leslie Greer 541.463.5638.

Cooperative Education (Co-op) Co-op is a required class for students enrolled in the Dental Assisting Program. Through Co-op students spend a minimum of 24 hours a week during spring term working in at least two different professional dental offices. Co-op offers students the opportunity to gain skills, connect theory and practice, and make contacts for employment. Contact Leslie Greer, Dental Assisting Co-op Coordinator, Bldg. 4, Rm. 135, 541.463.5638, greerl@lanecc.edu.

Costs in Addition to Tuition (estimate for 1-year certificate)*

| | |
|--|--------|
| Books | \$600 |
| Differential Fees* | \$932 |
| Supply Fees | \$600 |
| Lab Fees | \$429 |
| Misc. Required Program Costs* (uniforms, National & State Board exams, etc.) | \$1205 |
| Total estimate | \$3766 |

* Subject to change without notice. Miscellaneous costs could be up to \$2500, including national and state exams. The faculty strives to minimize costs for additional materials in classes. These and other fees may change during the year - see the online credit class schedule for fees assigned to courses.

| Prerequisites for admission to Dental Assisting program | Credits |
|---|---------|
| MTH 025 Basic Math Applications (or higher) * | 3 |
| Human Relations requirement ^{G,R} | 4 |
| Choice of..... | 4 |
| WR 115 Introduction to College Writing ^G | |
| WR 121 Introduction to Academic Writing ^G | |
| Choice of..... | 3-4 |
| CIS 101 Computer Fundamentals | |
| CS 120 Concepts of Computing: Information Processing | |

Total Credits 14-15

Dental Assisting is a concentrated program that requires good reading and study skills. Students are encouraged to take DA 110 Health Sciences and DA 103 Dental Law and Ethics prior to entry into the certificate program. These classes are offered in summer term as well as the terms listed below. Evidence of a physical examination (within the previous nine months) must be submitted prior to admission to the program.

One-Year Certificate of Completion

| | Fall |
|---|------|
| DA 107 Dental Health Education 1 ^{*,1,2,3,G} | 1 |
| DA 110 Health Sciences ^{1,3,G} | 3 |
| DA 115 Dental Anatomy ^{*,1,2,3,G} | 3 |
| DA 192 Dental Materials 1 ^{*,2,3,G} | 3 |
| DA 195 Chairside Procedures ^{*,1,2,3,G} | 6 |
| DA 210 Dental Radiology ^{*,1,2,3,G} | 4 |

Total Credits 20

Dental Assisting

| | Winter |
|---|-----------|
| DA 108 Dental Health Education 2 ^{*,2,3,G} | 3 |
| DA 193 Dental Materials 2 ^{*,2,3,G} | 3 |
| DA 194 Dental Office Procedures ^{*,2,3,G} | 3 |
| DA 196 Chairside Procedures 2 ^{*,2,3,G} | 7 |
| DA 211 Dental Radiology 2 ^{*,2,3,G} | 2 |
| Total Credits | 18 |
| | Spring |
| DA 102 Advanced Clinical Experiences ^{*,3,G} | 3 |
| DA 103 Dentistry, Law and Ethics ^{*,3,4} | 2 |
| DA 280 Co-op Ed: Dental Assisting ^{*,2,3,G} | 6 |
| Total Credits | 11 |

- 1 To be taken first year if program extended over two years.
 2 Must be enrolled in Dental Assisting Program
 3 Degree or certificate requirement. Must be passed with a grade of 75% or better to remain in the Dental Assisting program.
 4 Online class only

Associate of General Studies

Costs in Addition to Tuition (estimate for 2-year degree)*

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Books | \$1200 |
| Differential Fees* | \$932 |
| Supply Fees | \$600 |
| Lab Fees | \$429 |
| Misc. Required Program Costs* (uniforms, National & State Board exams, etc.) | \$1205 |
| Total estimate | \$4366 |

* Subject to change without notice. Miscellaneous costs could be up to \$2500, including national and state exams. The faculty strives to minimize costs for additional materials in classes. These and other fees may change during the year - see the online credit class schedule for fees assigned to courses.

Prerequisites for Dental Assisting program within Associate of

General Studies degree:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| MTH 052 Math for Introductory Physical Science (or higher) [*] | 4 |
| Human Relations/Social Science requirement ^G | 4 |
| WR 121 Introduction to Academic Writing ^G | 4 |
| Choice of | 3-4 |
| CIS 101 Computer Fundamentals | |
| CS 120 Concepts of Computing: Information Processing | |
| Total Credits | 15-16 |

Students must be admitted to the Dental Assisting program to enroll in the following Dental Assisting courses, with the exceptions of DA 110 Health Sciences and DA 103 Dental Law and Ethics, which students are encouraged to take prior to entry into the certificate program. These classes are offered summer term as well as the following terms Evidence of a physical examination (within the previous nine months) must be submitted prior to admission to the program.

| | Fall |
|---|-----------|
| DA 107 Dental Health Education 1 ^{*,1,2,3,G} | 1 |
| DA 110 Health Sciences ^{1,3,G} | 3 |
| DA 115 Dental Anatomy ^{*,1,2,3,G} | 3 |
| DA 192 Dental Materials 1 ^{*,2,3,G} | 3 |
| DA 195 Chairside Procedures ^{*,1,2,3,G} | 6 |
| DA 210 Dental Radiology ^{*,1,2,3,G} | 4 |
| Total Credits | 20 |

| | Winter |
|---|-----------|
| DA 108 Dental Health Education 2 ^{*,2,3,G} | 3 |
| DA 193 Dental Materials 2 ^{*,2,3,G} | 3 |
| DA 194 Dental Office Procedures ^{*,2,3,G} | 3 |
| DA 196 Chairside Procedures 2 ^{*,2,3,G} | 7 |
| DA 211 Dental Radiology 2 ^{*,2,3,G} | 2 |
| Total Credits | 18 |

| | Spring |
|---|-----------|
| DA 102 Advanced Clinical Experiences ^{*,3,G} | 3 |
| DA 103 Dentistry, Law and Ethics ^{*,3,4} | 2 |
| DA 280 Co-op Ed: Dental Assisting ^{*,2,3,G} | 6 |
| Total Credits | 11 |

| | Fall |
|--|-----------|
| Science/Math/Computer Science Requirement | 3 |
| Arts and Letters Requirement | 4 |
| WR 122 Composition: Argument, Style and Research ^G | 4 |
| HE 252 First Aid | 3 |
| Total Credits | 14 |

| | Winter |
|---|-----------|
| Social Science Requirement | 4 |
| Science/Math/Computer Science Requirement | 4 |
| Choice of: | 4 |
| WR 123 Composition: Research | |
| WR 227 Technical Writing | |
| Total Credits | 12 |

| | Spring |
|---|-----------|
| Science/Math/Computer Science Requirement | 4 |
| Social Science Requirement | 4 |
| Arts and Letters Requirement | 4 |
| Total Credits | 12 |

Standard footnotes:

* Prerequisite required

B Must be passed with grade of "B" or better to use as a prerequisite

D Degree or certificate requirement; must be passed with grade of "C-" or better

G Must be taken for a grade, not P/NP; major requirement

R Required for AAS degree