

DENTAL ASSISTING, AAS

Program Code: Dental Assisting-AAS

Note: This degree/certificate leads to professional licensure in Nevada. Licensing requirements vary by state/territory and relocating could impact whether you will meet eligibility requirements for licensure. If you do not live in Nevada and/or do not intend to seek employment in Nevada, then your application for admittance will be under review to determine eligibility for licensure in your state prior to acceptance into the program. Please visit our Professional Licensure Programs (<https://www.tmcc.edu/vpaa/professional-licensure-programs/>) page for full details on the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.

Program Description

The TMCC Dental Assisting Program provides instruction in all facets of:

- Infection Control
- Chairside Procedures
- Practice Management
- Radiography
- Clinical Science

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be qualified to work as dental assistants in both private and public dental facilities. Graduates will be eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board (<http://www.danb.org/>) exam to become a Certified Dental Assistant.

The Associate of Applied Science degree program includes courses designed to prepare the graduate to work in a variety of positions within the dental field. In addition to an emphasis on dental assisting education, the general education courses in the program provide a foundation on which to build professional skills in communication, problem-solving and leadership.

Accreditation information is available on the Dental Assisting Website (<http://www.tmcc.edu/dental-assisting/accreditation/>).

Dental Assisting Career Map (<https://sites.tmcc.edu/flipbook/career-maps/>)

Recommended Course Schedule

All courses are to be taken in the sequence indicated. A grade of 75% or better is required in all courses. Contact program coordinator for details.

1st semester		Units
COM 113	Fundamentals of Speech Communications (Level I - Fall)	3
ENG 101 or ENG 100 or ENG 113	Composition I (Level I - Fall) or Composition Enhanced or Composition I for International and Multilingual Students	3
Social Science		3
Science		3
Semester Total		12
2nd semester		Units
DA 110	Orientation to Dental Assisting	2
DA 111	Dental Radiography I	3

DA 112	Dental/Head and Neck Anatomy	3
DA 115	Dental Health Education	1
DA 116	Preclinical Dental Science	1.5
DA 117	Dental Materials and Techniques I	2
DA 119	Dental Chairside Procedures	5
Semester Total		17.5
3rd semester		Units
DA 121	Dental Radiography II	2
DA 122	Clinical Dental Science	2
DA 123	Practice Management and Procedures	2
DA 125	Supervised Clinical I	5
DA 127	Dental Materials and Lab Techniques II	2
U.S. and Nevada Constitution		3
Semester Total		16
4th semester		Units
DA 135	Supervised Clinical II	5
DA 137	Specialized Dental Assisting	1
Semester Total		6
5th semester		Units
Science		3
Diversity		3
Electives EPY 101 Recommended		2.5
Semester Total		8.5
Total Units		60

Special Admission Requirements and Procedures

For program application and admission information, please visit the Dental Assisting Program Admissions Procedures page. (<http://www.tmcc.edu/dental-assisting/admission-procedures/>)

Program completion time varies and depends on number of units taken per semester. Please contact the Academic Program Director at 775-673-7125 for more information.

The Dental Assisting Program offers a:

- Certificate of Achievement – Can be completed in 10-12 months, see certificate worksheet.
- Associate of Applied Science – Can be completed in 2 years, see degree worksheet.

Admission to the dental assisting AAS degree program and the certificate program is limited with special requirements and procedures.

Student progression in the program is contingent upon attaining a grade of "C" or better in all dental assisting curriculum. Courses are to be taken in the sequence outlined on the worksheet.

For additional program information please contact the program coordinator at 775-673-7125, or visit the Dental Assisting Program web site. (<http://www.tmcc.edu/dental-assisting/>)

Program Requirements

AAS degrees are generally non-transfer degrees designed for students to enter the workforce.

To earn an AAS degree, students must:

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (see requirements for graduation.)
2. Complete a minimum of 15 units within the college.
3. Satisfy General Education requirements for the AAS (<https://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aas/>).
4. Have no financial or library obligation to the college.

Code	Title	Units
General Education Requirements		
<i>Communications/English</i>		6
Required for English:		
ENG 101	Composition I	
or ENG 100	Composition Enhanced	
or ENG 113	Composition I for International and Multilingual Students	
Required for Communications:		
COM 113	Fundamentals of Speech Communications (Recommended) ³	
or ENG 102	Composition II	
or ENG 114	Composition II For International and Multilingual Students	
<i>Fine Arts/Humanities/Social Science</i>		3
Recommended:		
PSY 101	General Psychology	
<i>Human Relations</i>		[3]
Satisfied through Degree Requirements (DA 110, DA 112, DA 125)		
<i>Mathematics</i>		[3]
Mathematics requirement is satisfied through embedded curriculum in the following: DA 111, DA 117, DA 119 DA 121, DA 123, DA 127.		
<i>Science</i>		6
Select 2 courses from the following, one must be a biology course: BIOL 100, BIOL 190, BIOL 223, BIOL 224, NUTR 121, NUTR 223		
Recommended:		
BIOL 100 & NUTR 121	General Biology for Non-Majors and Human Nutrition	
Additional College Requirements		
<i>Diversity</i> ¹		3
<i>U.S. and Nevada Constitutions</i>		3
Degree Requirements ²		
DA 110	Orientation to Dental Assisting	2
DA 111	Dental Radiography I	3
DA 112	Dental/Head and Neck Anatomy	3
DA 115	Dental Health Education	1
DA 116	Preclinical Dental Science	1.5
DA 117	Dental Materials and Techniques I	2
DA 119	Dental Chairside Procedures	5
DA 121	Dental Radiography II	2
DA 122	Clinical Dental Science	2
DA 123	Practice Management and Procedures	2

DA 125	Supervised Clinical I	5
DA 127	Dental Materials and Lab Techniques II	2
DA 135	Supervised Clinical II	5
DA 137	Specialized Dental Assisting	1
Electives Recommend EPY 101		2.5
Total Units		60

¹ See the diversity section of the general education descriptions for a complete list of courses.

² All DA courses are to be taken in the time sequence indicated. A grade of "C" or better required.

³ Some Science courses will have additional Math or Science prerequisites, please check the specific course for prerequisites.

Program Outcomes

Students completing the degree will:

PSLO1: Perform basic side chair functions to facilitate completion of restorative and advanced operative procedures as allowed by the state dental act.

PSLO2: Demonstrate knowledge of radiation safety and proficiency in exposing, processing, and mounting dental radiographs.

PSLO3: Demonstrate knowledge of infection and hazard control in the lab/workplace.

PSLO4: Perform basic office procedures necessary to assist in managing the dental practice.