

## DENTAL ASSISTING

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### Program Description

The dental assistant performs a wide range of tasks requiring both interpersonal and technical skills. Dental assistants help the dentist at chairside and also perform functions such as polishing teeth, taking and developing dental radiographs, mixing materials and sterilizing instruments. Some assistants also manage the office and patient accounts, schedule appointments and purchase supplies. The dental assistant may seek career opportunities in private dental office, research, teaching, clinics, hospitals, sales and insurance claims and Specialty practices such as Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, Endodontics and Oral Surgery.

The program provides a practicum in both local dental offices, the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and the Veterans Affairs Dental Clinic during the second semester.

The Dental Assisting program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (ADA), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation Board by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 446-2698 or 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622. Offering expanded functions dental assisting.

### Award Options

Diploma for 9 Month Program

Successful completion of the program entitles graduate to take the National Dental Assistant Certification Examination and the Iowa Dental Aisstant Registration Examinations.

### Job Outlook

Graduates are employable nationwide. Dental assisting employees have some of the most ideal working conditions and attractive hours of any of the health professions. Dental Assistants are a valued team member with a high degree of interaction with the patient. Most Dental Assistants work in dental offices, either for private or group practitioners. Job opportunities also exist in dental schools, hospitals, public health departments, prisons, military installations and dental supply companies. The increasing clinical emphasis of Dental Assistant's responsibilities and the increasing need to control health-care costs make the employment outlook for well-trained Dental Assistants very good.

### Earnings

A typical Dental Assistant working in Davenport/Bettendorf, IA, earns a median base salary of \$26,832, according to the Dental Assistant National Board. Half of the people in this job earn between \$20,027 and \$26,337. Most of SCC's Dental Assisting graduates are hired by private practices. For more information on salaries in this field go to [www.salary.com](http://www.salary.com) or the American Dental Association, [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org) for occupational employment statistics.



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## FALL START OPTION

### FIRST SEMESTER

	Hours
DEA:504 Principles of Dental Assisting	5
DEA:293 Microbiology and Infection Control	2
DEA:406 Dental Materials	5
DEA:201 Head and Neck Anatomy	1
DEA:311 Dental Radiography I	2
DEA:257 Dental Anatomy	3
COM:102 Communication Skills*	<u>3</u>
	<b>21</b>

### SECOND SEMESTER :

DEA:701 Dental Office Procedures	2
DEA:321 Dental Radiography II	2
DEA:211 Nutrition for Dental Assisting	1
DEA:268 Pharmacology & Emergency Procedures for Dental Assisting	2
DEA:604 Dental Specialties	3
DEA:570 Dental Assisting Clinic	5
PSY:111 Introduction to Psychology*	3
DEA:592 Seminar Dental Assisting	<u>1</u>
	<b>19</b>
<b>DIPLOMA TOTAL -</b>	<b>39</b>

## SPRING START OPTION

### FIRST SEMESTER

	Hours
DEA:201 Head and Neck Anatomy	1
DEA:257 Dental Anatomy	3
DEA:293 Microbiology and Infection Control	2
COM:102 Communication Skills	3
DEA:504 Principles of Dental Assisting	5
DEA:406 Dental Materials	<u>5</u>
	<b>19</b>

### SUMMER SEMESTER

DEA:311 Dental Radiography I	2
DEA:604 Dental Specialties	3
DEA:702 Dental Office Procedures	<u>2</u>
	<b>7</b>

### FALL SEMESTER:

DEA:321 Dental Radiography II	2
DEA:570 Dental Assisting Clinic (300 Hours)	5
DEA:211 Nutrition for Dental Assisting	1
PSY:111 Introduction to Psychology*	3
DEA:268 Pharmacy and Emergency Procedures	2
DEA:592 Seminar Dental Assisting	<u>1</u>
	<b>14</b>
<b>DIPLOMA TOTAL -</b>	<b>40</b>

\* Course may be taken before beginning the program.

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