

DENTAL ASSISTING

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

Expanded Functions Certificate

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

Community Dental Health Coordinator Certificate

Job Outlook

Employment of dental assistants is expected to grow by 31 percent from 2010 to 2020, much faster than the average for all occupations. Ongoing research linking oral health and general health will continue to increase the demand for preventive dental services. As dental practices grow, more dental assistants will be needed. In fact, dental assistants are expected to be among the fastest growing occupations over the 2010-20 projection period. Median annual wages of dental assistants were \$33,470 in May 2014. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$22,680, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$47,090.

For details, please visit this link <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition, Dental Assistants, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-assistants.htm> (visited December 27, 2012).



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Tuition and fees subject to change by the EICC Board of Trustees.

DENTAL ASSISTING

Diploma

TERM 1 – FALL START

BIO:163	Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology	4.00
DEA:256	Dental Anatomy	2.00
DEA:293	Microbiology and Infection Control	2.00
DEA:302	Dental Radiography	3.00
DEA:403	Dental Materials	3.00
DEA:506	Principles of Dental Assisting	5.00
		<u>19.00</u>

TERM 2

DEA:110	Dental Health Education	2.00
DEA:251	Dental Science	2.00
DEA:575	Dental Assisting Clinic I	6.00
DEA:604	Dental Specialties	3.00
SPC:101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3.00
		<u>16.00</u>

TERM 3 – SUMMER

DEA:297	Ethics/Jurisprudence Seminar	1.00
DEA:577	Dental Assisting Clinic II	4.00
DEA:701	Dental Office Procedures	1.00
		<u>6.00</u>

Diploma Total.....**41.00**

Diploma

TERM 1 – SPRING START

BIO:163	Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology	4.00
DEA:256	Dental Anatomy	2.00
DEA:293	Microbiology and Infection Control	2.00
DEA:302	Dental Radiography	3.00
DEA:403	Dental Materials	3.00
DEA:506	Principles of Dental Assisting	5.00
		<u>19.00</u>

TERM 2 – SUMMER

DEA:577	Dental Assisting Clinic II	4.00
DEA:604	Dental Specialties	3.00
DEA:701	Dental Office Procedures	1.00
		<u>8.00</u>

TERM 3

DEA:110	Dental Health Education	2.00
DEA:251	Dental Science	2.00
DEA:297	Ethics/Jurisprudence Seminar	1.00
DEA:575	Dental Assisting Clinic I	6.00
SPC:101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3.00
		<u>14.00</u>

Diploma Total.....**41.00**

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Successful completion of the Dental Assisting Diploma program entitles graduates to take the Dental Assistant National Board examination and the Iowa Board of Dental Examiners Radiography, Infection Control, Hazardous Waste and Jurisprudence examination.

Dental Assisting Expanded Functions Certificate

Student must be certified by the Dental Assistant National Board or possess two years of documented clinical Iowa registered dental assisting experience and complete a written assessment at 75% competency.

TERM 1		Credits
DEA:810	RDA Expanded Functions I	2.00
DEA:820	RDA Expanded Functions II	1.00
DEA:830	RDA Nitrous Oxide Monitoring	1.00
		<u>4.00</u>
Certificate Total.....		4.00

Community Dental Health Coordinator Certificate

Student must be certified by the Dental Assistant National Board or possess two years of documented clinical Iowa registered dental assisting experience and complete a written assessment at 75% competency.

TERM 1		Credits
CDH:101	Dental Health Legal and Ethical Issues	3.00
CDH:105	Oral Health Communication	2.00
CDH:110	Interviewing Skills for Dental Health Advocate	3.00
		<u>8.00</u>
TERM 2		
CDH:201	Dental Care Finance	1.00
CDH:205	Dental Health Advocacy and Outreach	4.00
CDH:901	Internship	3.00
		<u>8.00</u>
Certificate Total.....		16.00

Pending State Approval

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