

## CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION DENTAL ASSISTING

The Certificate of Completion Dental Assisting is a four-term certificate that prepares students to meet the requirements to become a dental assistant with expanded functions (EFDA). Upon completion, students are eligible to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Certified Dental Assisting (CDA) exam. The curriculum is based on general dentistry; students are trained in four-handed chairside assisting techniques to work with general dentists during all phases of examination and treatment. Curriculum is derived from identified learning outcomes relevant to the discipline.

### PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this program the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate patient education and management skills.
- Demonstrate administrative office skills.

- Demonstrate occupational safety skills.
- Demonstrate general chairside skills.
- Demonstrate fluency and competency with legal and ethical issues.
- Demonstrate radiographic proficiencies.
- Demonstrate dental and laboratory skills.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 55 credit hours with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better. All courses in the program must be completed with a 'C' or better. One course must be completed at Southwestern before the Certificate of Completion Dental Assisting is awarded. Complete the graduation application process one term prior to the term of completion (e.g., spring term graduates must apply during winter term).

### GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT DISCLOSURE

SWOCC is required by federal regulations to disclose information related to SWOCC's educational programs that lead to gainful employment in a recognized occupation. This information is intended to provide students the opportunity to measure employment outcomes associated with SWOCC's certificate programs. Gainful employment information can be found at [socc.edu](http://www.socc.edu).

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

| PREREQUISITES                          | Reading Score of ASSET42 COMPASS81                         | <b>MTH20 (4)</b><br>Basic Mathematics                    | <b>WR90 (3)</b><br>Paragraph Fundamentals                       |  |   |  |
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| FALL = 13 CREDITS                      | <b>DEN101 (4)</b><br>Dental Assisting I                    | <b>DEN102 (2)</b><br>Infection Control                   | <b>DEN103 (1)</b><br>Introduction to Dental Assisting Seminar   | <b>AH111 (3)</b><br>Medical Terminology I                      | <b>WR115 (3)</b><br>Introduction to Expository Writing <sup>1</sup> |  |
| WINTER = 16 CREDITS                    | <b>DEN104 (2)</b><br>Dental & Medical Emergency Management | <b>DEN105 (2)</b><br>Dental Materials                    | <b>DEN106 (2)</b><br>Dental Administration                      | <b>DEN107 (4)</b><br>Practicum & Seminar in Dental Assisting I | <b>DEN108 (2)</b><br>Legal and Ethical Issues in Dentistry          | <b>MTH60 (4)</b><br>Algebra II (or higher) |
| SPRING = 12 CREDITS                    | <b>DEN109 (4)</b><br>Dental Assisting II                   | <b>DEN110 (4)</b><br>Dental Radiology                    | <b>DEN111 (4)</b><br>Practicum & Seminar in Dental Assisting II |  |   |  |
| SUMMER = 14 CREDITS                    | <b>DEN112 (2)</b><br>Chairside Assisting                   | <b>DEN113 (2)</b><br>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant | <b>DEN280 (4)</b><br>CWE: Dental Assisting                      | <b>HE252 (3)</b><br>First Aid/CPR                              | <b>BA285 (3)</b><br>Human Relations in Organizations                |  |
| 55 CREDITS = TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENT |  |  |   |  |   |  |

### PROGRAM NOTES

<sup>1</sup>WR121, 122, 123, 227 may be substituted for WR115.