
• DENTAL ASSISTING •

Associate in Applied Science Degree

LENGTH: Four Semester (Two-Year) Program

PURPOSE: This program is designed to provide a two-year occupational program with general education and technical information to help those students who plan to seek higher positions in dental assisting. It also offers some transferable college credit should students wish to pursue a baccalaureate degree or an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Dental Hygiene. Students are admitted to the program Fall Semester of each year.

Admission Requirements: Each prospective Dental Assisting student must submit to the College by July 1 the following: Faulkner State Community College Application, Dental Assisting Department Application, a completed Physical Exam Form, with drug screening consent form, immunization form with proof of the Hep B Vaccine or declination waiver. Transcripts with a minimum GPA of 2.0 on most recent transcripts from high school or college, or GED score equivalent. Must test at ENG 101 or MTH 116 levels prior to program admittance if not previously taken. Students are required to sign a waiver stating that ENG 101 will be taken during the Spring Semester if not previously taken.

AREA I WRITTEN COMPOSITION

ENG 101 English Composition I 3

AREA II HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS

ART 100 or

MUS 101 Art Appreciation or Music Appreciation 3

SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking 3

AREA III NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

BIO 103 Principles of Biology I 4

CIS Elective Computer Science Elective 3

MTH 116 or more advanced*** .. Mathematical Applications 3

AREA IV HISTORY, SOCIAL, AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

PSY 200 General Psychology 3

Elective History, Social, or Behavioral Science Elective 3

AREA V PRE-PROFESSIONAL, MAJOR, AND ELECTIVE COURSES

DAT 100 Introduction to Dental Assisting 2

DAT 101* Pre-Clinical Procedures I 3

DAT 102* Dental Materials 3

DAT 103 Anatomy & Physiology for Dental Assisting 3

DAT 104 Basic Sciences for Dental Assisting 2

DAT 111 & 122 Clinical Practice I & II 9

DAT 112** Dental Radiology 3

DAT 113 Dental Health Education 2

DAT 116* Pre-Clinical Procedures II 2

DAT 121 Dental Office Procedures 4

DAT 123 Dental Assisting Seminar 4

DAT 124 Clinically Applied Infection Control and OSHA Standards 1

WKO 107 Work Place Skills Preparation 1

Total Hours **64**

*Procedures taught to Laboratory competence **Procedures taught to Clinical competence.

***MTH 231, MTH 232 do not meet this requirement.

This is a career program designed for students to go directly into the labor market upon completion. Although some of the courses in this program will transfer to four-year institutions, this program is not designed to be a transfer program of study therefore it is not subject to the terms and conditions of STARS.