



Program Map 2021-2022

Dental Assisting

Certificate(s): Career Certificate in Dental Assisting



Program Description:

The Dental Assistant curriculum prepares you to be a versatile member of the dental health team who works alongside the dentist. You will be expected to master theoretical, practical, and clinical skills including dental basic sciences, dental radiographic techniques, dental materials, sterilization and infection control, office management, dental specialties, and expanded duties. Upon successful completion of the Dental Assistant program, you will receive certification in expanded duties. Completion of the program also prepares you for Pathway I toward the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) and Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) designations. The South Florida State College Dental Assistant Program is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.

Length: 1,230 contact hours/41 occupational credits

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Program Map to choose courses, with your program navigator's assistance, and track your progress toward milestones and the completion of the program. Plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students.

Pre-Degree Requirements / Recommendations for Success

- A. Completed online SFSC application with Dental Assistant selected as major/program
- B. Demonstrate competency in English, reading, and math, as prescribed in the SFSC Catalog
- C. Submission of all official transcripts, including high school/GED transcript and official transcript from each college attended
- D. Verification from a licensed general dentist or dental hygienist, substantiating completion of at least 16 hours of observation, volunteer service, or work experience on the required form
- E. Once accepted into the program, you will receive instructions to complete the following:
 - a. Record of physical health exam and immunizations from a licensed physician or nurse practitioner and statement of satisfactory dental health from a licensed dentist (forms will be provided after contingent acceptance into the program)
 - b. Florida Department of Law Enforcement fingerprinting (will be scheduled prior to enrollment)
 - c. Documentation of current AHA Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification
 - d. Demonstrate basic computer skill competency as prescribed in the SFSC Catalog

Recommended Soft Skills

- Communication
- Compassion
- Teamwork
- Time Management and Productivity
- Commitment



Common First Term – Recommended by Program

Term 1					
Seq. #	Check when complete	Course Number	Title	Contact	Prerequisites/Notes
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0025	Preclinical Orientation 1	40	Corequisite: DEA 0025L
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0025L	Preclinical Orientation 1 Lab	30	Corequisite: DEA 0025
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0021	Orofacial and Dental Anatomy	48	Corequisite: DES 0844
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0205	Dental Radiographic Techniques I	32	Corequisite: DES 0205L
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0205L	Dental Radiographic Techniques Lab	48	Corequisite: DES 0205
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0602	Office Emergencies	32	Corequisite: DES 0844
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0804	Introduction to Clinical Procedures	32	Corequisite: DES 0804L
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0804L	Introduction to Clinical Procedures Lab	48	Corequisite: DES 0804
9	<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0830	Expanded Function I	20	Corequisite: DES 0830L
10	<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0830L	Expanded Function I Lab	16	Corequisite: DES 0830
11	<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0844	Preventive Dentistry	36	Corequisite: DES 0021
Total Semester Contact Hours =				382	

Remaining Courses To Complete Degree					
Seq. #	Check when complete	Course Number	Title	Contact	Prerequisites/Notes
12	<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0026	Preclinical Orientation II	40	Corequisite: DEA 0026L
13	<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0026L	Preclinical Orientation II Lab	30	Prerequisite: DEA 0025 Corequisite: DEA 0026L
14	<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0130	Allied Dental Theory	48	Prerequisite: DES 0844 Corequisite: DEA 0800
15	<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0800	Clinical Practice I	32	Prerequisite: DEA 0025 Corequisite: DEA 0800L
16	<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0800L	Clinical Practice I Lab	216	Prerequisite: DEA 0025L Corequisite: DEA 0800
17	<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0053	Nitrous Oxide Monitoring	32	Prerequisite: DES 0844 Corequisite: DES 0130
18	<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0103	Elements of Dental Materials	30	Prerequisite: DES 0804 Corequisite: DES 0103L
19	<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0103L	Elements of Dental Materials Lab	30	Prerequisite: DES 0804L Corequisite: DES 0103
20	<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0206	Dental Radiographic Techniques II	32	Prerequisite: DES 0205; DES 0205L
21	<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0831L	Expanded Functions II Lab	24	Prerequisite: DES 0830L
22	<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0801	Clinical Practice II	24	Prerequisite: DEA 0800 Corequisite: DEA 0801L
23	<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0801L	Clinical Practice II Lab	246	Prerequisite: DEA 0800L Corequisite: DEA 0801
24	<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0931	Orthodontics for Dental Auxiliary	16	Prerequisite: DEA 0830 Corequisite: DES 0501
25	<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0501	Dental Office Management	48	Prerequisite: DES 0103 Corequisite: DES 0801
Total Program Contact Hours =				1,230	

Please always check online in the [College Catalog](#) or meet with your academic advisor or program navigator to ensure that you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.



Career Resources

[SFSC's Career Development Center](#) website provides detailed, guided information on career exploration and transfer programs.

Career Information

Common Job Titles

Certified Dental Assistant (CDA), Certified Registered Dental Assistant, Dental Assistant (DA), Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA), Orthodontic Assistant (Ortho Assistant), Expanded Function Dental Assistant, Orthodontic Technician, Surgical Dental Assistant, Oral Surgery Assistant

Dental assistants support the dental team in the provision of high-quality patient care. Occupational responsibilities may involve patient procedure preparation, assisting with procedures, radiographic imaging, safe care of dental equipment, documentation of patient care, and clerical/dental office management tasks.

Regional Labor Market Information

- Higher than average job growth expected in Florida
- Service District
 - Average Hourly Wage: \$18.29
 - Average Annual Wage: \$ 38,040

Career and Labor Market Research Tools

[American Dental Association](#)

[Dental Assisting National Board](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

[CareerOneStop](#)



Transfer Resources

[South Florida State College Dental Hygiene Program](#)

Legend

GPS Coach = the individual who assists with your orientation to SFSC and gets you started on your path.

Academic Advisor = the individual who helps you plan your coursework and recommends the best path for you.

Program Navigator = the individual who keeps you on your path and leads you all the way to graduation.