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Dental Assisting

Program Description

The Dental Assisting Program is designed to prepare the student to function effectively as an integral member of the dental health care team. Throughout the program, the student will participate in classroom instruction, laboratory procedures, and supervised clinical experiences in order to learn the basic functions required of a Dental Assistant. During the ten and one-half months of educational training, students will learn the techniques of:

- Exposing and processing dental radiographs (x-rays) to include digital and panoramic radiology.
- Obtaining impressions of the oral cavity for the fabrication of study models, occlusal guards, and custom trays.
- Implementing the standard precautions of infection control protocol
- Assisting the dentist(s) in various esthetic and restorative techniques.
- Performing the basic procedures of dental office management.

During the program, the student will take the following courses and examinations for certification within the State of Texas: Radiological Certification, Certification in Jurisprudence, and Certification in Infection Control. Upon program completion, the graduate is eligible to file application to the State Board of Dental Examiners for registration. The graduate is also eligible to take the examination given by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) to become a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA). Becoming a RDA and a CDA assures the public that you are prepared to assist competently in providing quality dental care.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of Approval. The Commission on Dental Accreditation is a specialized component of the American Dental Association, and is recognized by the US Department of Education. Grayson County College offers the only accredited Dental Assisting Program in North Texas and Southern Oklahoma area.

Co-Requisite Course

PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
ENGL 1301	Comp & Rhetoric	<u>3</u>
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Dental Courses

Preventive Dentistry (DNTA 1245)	2	Dental Lab. Procedures (DNTA 1241)	2
Dental Science (DNTA 1311)	3	Advanced Dental Science (DNTA 1347)	3
Chairside Assisting (DNTA 1315)	3	Dent. Radiology in the Clinic (DNTA 1349)	3
Emergency Management (DNTA 1113)	1	Dental Assist. Applications (DNTA 1353)	3
Dental Radiology I (DNTA 1305)	3	Clinical-Dental Assisting (DNTA 1460)	4
Dental Materials (DNTA 1401)	3	Dental Office Mgmt (DNTA 1251)	<u>2</u>
Communications & Behavior (DNTA 1102)	<u>1</u>		17
	16		

Summer I Semester

Semester Hours

Clinical-Dental Assisting/Assistant (DNTA 2361)	3
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Information Meeting

Health Sciences Program Information meetings are held at 1 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except for August and December) in the Health Science Center. All persons interested in applying for the Dental Assisting Program are **required** to attend one of these sessions. Attendees will learn about admission requirements as well as having an opportunity to ask questions. Program applications and other materials will be available at these meetings.

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For More Information Contact:

www.grayson.edu

College 101

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Admission Information

Students wishing to enter the Dental Assisting Program may begin taking the basic academic course, General Psychology during any semester. The entry date for the Program is the Fall semester of each year.

The following should be submitted to the Director for acceptance consideration:

- Program Application Form
- THEA/COMPASS or TASP scores
- High School Transcript, GED Scores, and/or College/ University Transcript(s).
- Childhood Immunizations, Hepatitis B series, TB, and Tetanus shots, Varicella (2 vaccines or letter with date of disease)
- CPR Health Care Provider

DEADLINE FOR EARLY APPLICATION (for Fall classes) is APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR. Applications are accepted through August 15th.

**Once accepted into the program, the above will be required before Fall classes begin.*

Drug Screen and Background Check

A drug scan and background check will be required upon acceptance into the program. Requirements for dental assistant licensure as set by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (SBDE) defines that individuals be "of good moral character." All individuals accepted into the program must meet licensure eligibility requirements. Information received from the background check or drug scan may result in dismissal from the program.

Cost are subject to change.

	In-District
Tuition (\$43 an hour)	\$1806.00
Matriculation, Parking Permit, Student ID, & Lab Fees	47.00
Miscellaneous (CPR, etc)	100.00
Liability Insurance	15.00
Dosimetry Badge*	65.00
Uniforms & Personal Protection Equipment	300.00
Textbooks	600.00
Syllabi	100.00
Texas State Board of Dental Examiners Mandated Certifications:	
• Southwest Conference	15.00
• Nitrous Exam	55.00
• Certification Application for Nitrous	10.00
• Application for Licensure to TBDE	50.00
• <i>Total for exams</i>	<i>130.00</i>
GCC Assessment Exam (s)	39.00
TOTAL	\$3202.00

Financial Aid/Scholarships

Financial aid is available to students enrolled in this program, which includes: loans, grants, and work study jobs. All students seeking financial aid should file for federal financial aid, i.e. Pell Grants or student loans. The federal financial aid form can be submitted electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov while the required GCC applications are available on the GCC website at www.grayson.edu, or contact Stephanie Shade at: shades@grayson.edu. All applications should be filed as soon as the previous years income tax has been filed. ***We encourage you to do this early, funds are limited.***

Scholarships: there are three scholarships available for students interested in receiving a Certificate of Completion from the Dental Assisting Program. Two of the scholarships are endowed and all three are awarded annually. They are disbursed in two equal payments to the recipients' accounts at Grayson County College. ***To be considered for any scholarship, participants must first make application to FAFSA.***

- **The C. Rachel Anders Dental Assisting Scholarship**
- **The M. Broomfield Scholarship in Dental Assisting**

These and other scholarships are also online at the GCC website.

Career Opportunities

Certified Dental Assistants accept employment opportunities from a variety of settings. The majority of Dental Assistants are employed in solo dental practices. Others may accept career opportunities in group practices, specialty practices, public health dentistry, hospital dental clinics, insurance companies, and dental product companies.

Wage Estimates-Based on the Texas 2002 Occupational Employment Statistics for a Dental Assistant, the Annual Wage was \$25,970 and the Median Wage was between \$10.35 and \$16.20 per hour. (Source: Texas Workforce Commission/Labor Market Information Department)



GRAYSON COUNTY COLLEGE
HEALTH SCIENCE DIVISION
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Following Acceptance
Recent Snapshot
Required

Circle Program Desired:

Associate Degree Nursing (RN) Transitional Entry (LVN to RN) Dental Assisting

Vocational Nursing (LVN) Medical Laboratory Technology Radiologic Technology

Date Applied: _____ Desired Entry Date: _____

Name: _____ SS#: _____ - _____ - _____

Last First Middle

Mailing Address: _____

Street/Box City State Zip

Telephone Residence: () _____ Cell #: () _____ Business #: () _____

Pager: () _____ E-mail Address: _____

Alternate: () _____

	Name	Address	Relation
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Emergency: () _____

	Name	Address	Relation
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EDUCATION

GED: _____

Name of Institution/Location	Date of Completion
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High School: _____

Name of Institution/Location	Date of Completion
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College: _____

Name of Institution	Date Attended
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Major: _____ Degree/Certificate Earned: _____

Submit To: Health Science Department or Program Director Scores and transcripts must be submitted along with your application.

_____ GED Scores _____ THEA/TASP Scores _____ Transcripts: High School/Colleges

NOTE: Applications are not automatically “held over” from one official application filing period to the next. Students who are not selected for admission the semester for which they apply or students declining the acceptance for that semester must keep their file active by submitting updated information and return a letter of intent during the next filing period to be considered for the next admission opportunity. **All inactive files will be purged.**

English proficiency is not a barrier for admission to Grayson County College.

Grayson County College will take positive actions to ensure that all people regardless of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, or handicap are given an opportunity of sharing in the educational, employment, and business activities of the College.