

**Intermediate Technical Certificate - Dental Assistant**

**Major Code: 4407T**

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The Dental Assistant Program curriculum offers courses for the skilled person to enter into the health care environment as an assistant in the dental office. The general education classes and credits are transferable to other Allied Health curricula or programs. The student is encouraged to obtain advising from faculty to ensure that the proper courses are completed prior to registration or transfer to other health programs. Applying to this program is a separate application process from applying to the College or declaring your major. Additional information and current application requirements (including deadlines) can be found at: [http://hshs.csi.edu/dental\\_assistant](http://hshs.csi.edu/dental_assistant). You must be a high school graduate or have completed the GED/HSE before applying to this program. To promote success on the certification/licensure examination(s), all Required Courses must be passed with a grade of C or better.

**Program Application Required:** Yes

**Gainful Employment:** <https://www.csi.edu/ge/DentalAssistant>

**Career Opportunities:** [https://idcis.intocareers.org/index\\_cluster.aspx?FileID=Occ](https://idcis.intocareers.org/index_cluster.aspx?FileID=Occ)

**Apply for Scholarships:** <http://scholarships.csi.edu/> and <http://hshs.csi.edu/scholarship/index.asp>

**General Education Core List:** <http://advising.csi.edu/forms/Gen%20Ed%20Core.pdf>

Required non-program courses (can be completed before or during program)	Credits
COMM 101 Fundamentals of Oral Communication or ENGL 101 English Composition 1*	3
General Education Math	3
Gen. Ed. Social Science +Recommended: PSYC 101 or SOCY 101	3
ALLH 101 Medical Terminology	2
ALLH 220 Fundamentals of Nutrition	3
BIOL 105 Human Structure and Function	4
<b>Non-program Credit Total</b>	<b>18</b>

**COURSES**

SEMESTER 1	Credits
DENA 101 Dental Assisting Theory 1	2
DENA 101L Dental Assisting Theory 1 Lab	1
DENA 103 Dental Anatomy and Terminology	2
DENA 115 Dental Radiology	2
DENA 115L Dental Radiology Lab	1
DENA 135 Community Dental Health	1
DENA 135C Community Dental Health Clinical	1
DENA 142 Medical Emergencies	2
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>12</b>

**NOTES**

SEMESTER 1

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SEMESTER 2	Credits
DENA 151 Dental Assisting Theory 2*	2
DENA 151L Dental Assisting Theory 2 Lab	1
DENA 151C Dental Assisting Theory 2 Clinical	4
DENA 165 Dental Materials	1
DENA 165L Dental Materials Lab	1
DENA 175 Dental Practice Management	1
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>10</b>

SEMESTER 2
*Prerequisites: BIOL 105 and DENA 101, 101L, 103, 115, 115L, 135, 135C and 142

SEMESTER 3	Credits
DENA 185 Expanded Functions	1
DENA 185L Expanded Functions Lab	2
DENA 185C Expanded Functions Practicum	5
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>8</b>

SEMESTER 3

**Program Goals**

1. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a dental assistant including but not limited to collecting diagnostic data, infection control, radiographic procedures, restorative procedures, and laboratory procedures.
2. Students will understand the ethical and legal parameters of the clinical practice and perform duties within these parameters.
3. Students will utilize critical thinking skills and communicate effectively both verbally and in writing with team members and patients while staying in compliance with HIPAA regulations.
4. Students will demonstrate professional behaviors consistent with a dental office including prioritizing, organizing and time management skills.
5. Students will be prepared to successfully complete the three components (Infection Control, Radiation Health and Safety, and General Chairsides) of the Dental Assisting National Board exams to become a Certified Dental Assistant.

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