

Dental Assisting

DA 310 Exploring Career Opportunities

1.0 unit

Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to Dental Assisting program

An exploration of dental health career options. Provides information that enables students to make informed decisions about future career pathways. (Fall, Spring, Summer) (Pass/No Pass)

DA 314 Introduction to Bio-Dental Science

3.0 units

Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Advisories: ENGL 100 - Writing in Career/Tech Fields ; or ENGL 101 - Freshman Composition: Exposition
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to Dental Assisting program

The course presents basic terminology related to human anatomy and physiology with emphasis on head and neck anatomy. It introduces the bio-dental sciences: dental nomenclature, embryology, histology, morphology, pathology, microbiology, pharmacology, nutrition and preventive dentistry. (Fall) (Letter Grade Only)

DA 317 Dental Assisting Theory

7.0 units

Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Advisories: ENGL 100 - Writing in Career/Tech Fields ; or ENGL 101 - Freshman Composition: Exposition
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to Dental Assisting Program

The course prepares the student to provide patient care with emphasis on diagnostic, restorative, and specialty branches of dentistry. Topics include infection control, management of hazardous materials, emergency medical procedures, and management of pain and anxiety. It focuses on the dental assisting theory. (Fall) (Letter Grade Only)

DA 318 Basic Dental Assisting Skills

3.0 units

Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Advisories: ENGL 100 - Writing in Career/Tech Fields ; or ENGL 101 - Freshman Composition: Exposition
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to Dental Assisting program

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DA 319 DA Administrative Skills

3.0 units

Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable

Advisories: ENGL 100 - Writing in Career/Tech Fields ; or ENGL 101 - Freshman Composition: Exposition
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to Dental Assistance Program

This course includes emphasis on professional licensing requirements. Business skills are reviewed and developed for practical application in the office. Skills include clinical charting systems, treatment planning, communication skills as they relate to patient management, inventory management, appointment book management, patient recall systems, and other related administrative duties. Employment strategies are discussed. Dental software is utilized. (Fall) (Letter Grade Only)

DA 320 DA Practicum in the Community

1.0 unit

Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to the Dental Assisting program

The course provides supervised learning experiences in the various applications of dental assisting skills in the community and public health settings. The student would participate in dental screenings, provide oral hygiene instruction, and apply fluoride varnish on children and migrant families in the community. (Fall) (Letter Grade Only)

DA 325 Clinical Dental Procedures

3.0 units

Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to Dental Assisting program

The course focuses on intra-oral procedures including temporary crowns, temporary restorations, as well as clinical procedures performed by Registered Dental Assistants. Emphasis is also given to the California State Board testing requirements. (Spring) (Letter Grade Only)

DA 326 Dental Radiography

4.0 units

Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to Dental Assisting program

This course covers the principles and procedures related to dental radiography and digital imaging. Topics include history, radiation physics and biological effects, protection procedures and safety guidelines. It includes film identification, processing, mounting, and evaluation. Laboratory exposures on manikin cover intra-oral techniques for periapical and bitewing films using various techniques and film-holding devices. Clinical exposures of patients are completed with authorization of a licensed dentist, evaluated by faculty, and utilized by the dentist for diagnostic purposes. A State Dental Board certificate will be issued upon successful completion of the course. (Spring) (Letter Grade Only)

DA 327 Dental Screening

0.5 units

Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to Dental Assisting program

This course provides clinical experiences in dental screening skills. Emphasis is on performing four-handed chair-side dental assisting, identifying, and recording patient clinical findings of intra-oral and extra-oral dental examinations. Eligible patients would be provided with the opportunity to schedule subsequent dental appointments in radiography, coronal polish, and pit and fissure sealant clinics. (Spring) (Letter Grade Only)

DA 328 Pit and Fissure Sealants

1.0 unit

Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable

Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to the Dental Assisting Program

The course provides theory and clinical applications of resin materials, pit and fissure sealants, on developing teeth to prevent cavities. (Spring) (Letter Grade Only)

DA 329 Dental Assisting Practicum

4.0 units

Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable

Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to the Dental Assisting Program

This course provides supervised learning experiences in the various applications of dental assisting skills. (Spring) (Letter Grade Only)

DA 330 Coronal Polish

1.0 unit

Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable

Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to the Dental Assisting Program

This course meets the requirements of the California Board of Dentistry. It includes techniques for removal of pellicle, plaque, and extrinsic stain from the clinical crown. Students will be evaluated on adherence to sterilization and infection control policies and procedures as well as actual provision of care on three dental patients. (Spring) (Letter Grade Only)

DA 332 RDA Law and Ethics

0.5 units

Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable

Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to the Dental Assisting Program

The course prepares students to take the California Dental Board law and ethics examination. It covers the licensure requirements, scope of practice of the registered dental assistant, revocation of license, and ethical standards of practice. (Spring) (Letter Grade Only)

DA 333 Success in Dental Assisting Practice

0.5 units

Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable

This course prepares students for the challenges facing the Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) in a general practice. It refreshes the fundamentals of practices and provides opportunities to perform the functions and procedures within the scope of practice. It is designed for students who have completed a dental assisting program. It is scheduled for 5 days. (Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass)

DA 348 RDA - Success Seminar

0.5 units

Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable

Limitations on Enrollment: Successful completion of second semester dental assisting program courses.; Admittance to Dental Assisting program

The course is designed to prepare students for the written components of the State Board examination. The California State Practice Act will be reviewed. (Spring) (Letter Grade Only)

DA 380 Dental Assisting Skills Lab

0.5 units

Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable

Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to the Dental Assisting program

This is an open-entry laboratory course designed to provide students with the opportunity to refine and expand skills learned in the corequisite program. Students may repeat the course as they progress through the program. (Fall, Spring) (Letter Grade Only)