

Dental Assisting Certificate – 36 Credits

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Important Information

Courses start every summer semester

Seats in program are first-come, first-served – no additional application is required

Program Requirements

RDG095, ENG095, and MAT090/MAT095 must be completed or tested out of before start of program

Summer Semester

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| *BIO116, BIO116L | 4 credits | |
| DEN101, DEN101L | 4 credits | (typically starts in June or July) |
| DEN109 | 3 credits | (typically starts in June or July) |
| **COM108 or COM103 | 3 credits | |

Fall Semester

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| DEN104, DEN104L | 3 credits |
| DEN107, DEN107L | 3 credits |
| DEN110, DEN110L | 4 credits |
| **COM108 or COM103 | 3 credits |

Spring Semester

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| DEN115 | 2 credits |
| DEN120 | 3 credits |
| DEN130 | 3 credits |
| DEN230 | 4 credits |

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Pathway options:

Pathway I - new to field (most students)

Student who has no dental background; completes all Dental Assisting required courses; receives certificate at completion of program; can take the Maryland General Dental Assisting Expanded Functions (MDG) exam and the DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam through Dental Assistant National Board, Inc. (DANB).

Pathway II – has experience but needs certified as a Qualified Dental Assistant

Student who is currently working in a dental office and wants to be certified as a Qualified Dental Assistant (expanded functions in Maryland); student must prove at least one year full-time or two years part-time dental assisting experience in a dental office (letter from current employer); completes Dental Assisting II course only; can take the Maryland General Dental Assisting Expanded Functions (MDG) exam through Dental Assistant National Board, Inc. (DANB). Student may be accepted if there is an open seat in the DEN 110 course.

Pathway III – has experience but needs certified as a Dental Radiation Technologist

Student who is currently working in a dental office and wants to become certified as a Dental Radiation Technologist; student must prove at least one year of employment at a dental office (letter from current employer) ; completes Dental Radiology course only; can take the DANB Radiation and Health and Safety (RHS) exam through Dental Assistant National Board, Inc. (DANB). Student may be accepted if there is an open seat in the DEN 104 course.