



DENTAL ASSISTING

Associate of Applied Science/Certificate

About the Program

The Dental Assisting Program at Calhoun Community College is designed to develop the student's cognitive, affective and psychomotor abilities to assist the dentist in a variety of skills including functioning effectively in the dental operator, laboratory and front desk. With these skills, the student will be able to enter the workforce and advance in the dental profession.

According to information provided by the American Dental Association (ADA), Dental Assisting continues to be among the "top" professions in the medical field, and the Dental Assisting program at Calhoun continues to distinguish itself as one of the best in the country. In fact, Calhoun's Dental Assisting program is among the nationally-accredited programs listed on [ADA's website](#). The job market for Dental Assisting students continues to be in an upward growth pattern with over 90% of the graduates from Calhoun's program currently employed in the field. Many of our graduates already have jobs waiting for them as soon as they complete the program.

Students enrolling in Calhoun's Dental Assisting Program have one of two options: those enrolled in the Certificate program may complete their studies in one year, or a student can earn an Associate in Applied Science degree by completing one year and one semester of study.

How Do I Apply?

Admission to the program: Applicants must meet the admission requirements of Calhoun Community College. Applicants must have a 2.5 grade point average and be eligible to take English 101 and Math 100 OR Math 112 OR Math 116 or have permission of the Dental Assisting instructor. Each applicant will be required to interview with the program director. Dental Assisting classes are admitted once a year, fall semester. For more information/appointment, contact Ms. Karen Pasahow, Dental Assisting Director, (256) 306-2812 or the Allied Health Department, 306-2786.

Students enrolled in the Dental Assisting program fall semester will be required to:

1. Provide evidence of current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course completion. CPR course completion must be maintained throughout the program.
2. Submit a current student Health Examination form completed appropriately by a licensed physician. Form furnished by Allied Health Department.
3. Provide medical verification of two-step Mantoux skin test (chest x-ray if positive) indicating he/she is free of tuberculosis.
4. Provide documentation of immunity for Rubeola, Mumps, and Rubella (measles).
5. Provide verification of immunization for hepatitis B and/or show positive antibodies, or sign a waiver.
6. Purchase radiation badge.
7. Purchase professional liability insurance through the college by the first week of classes. (Forms available in the Allied Health Department)
8. Arrange reliable transportation to and from clinical facilities as required by the program.
9. Abide by the policies of the College and Dental Assisting Policy Manual.

For program information, contact one of the following:

Karen Pasahow at 256-306-2812 or ksp@calhoun.edu

Ann Wagon at 256-306-2786 or aww@calhoun.edu

Curriculum

DENTAL ASSISTING AAS/Certificate

Fall

	Cr. Hrs.
DNT 100 Introduction to Dental Assisting	2
DNT 101 Preclinical Procedures I	3
DNT 102 Dental Materials	3
DNT 103 Anatomy and Physiology for Dental Assistants	3
DNT 104 Basic Sciences for Dental Assisting	2
*PSY 200 General Psychology	3
**Orientation to College	1

Spring

	Cr. Hrs.
DNT 111 Clinical Practice I	5
DNT 112 Dental Radiology	3
DNT 113 Dental Health Education	2
DNT 116 Preclinical Procedures II	2
DNT 124 Clinically Applied Infection Control and OSHA Standards	1
*MTH Elective (May choose from the following)	3
MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra	
MTH 112 Precalculus Algebra	
MTH 116 Mathematical Applications	
*SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3

Summer

	Cr. Hrs.
DNT 121 Dental Office Procedures	4
DNT 122 Clinical Practice II	4
DNT 123 Dental Assisting Seminar	4
*ENG 101 English Composition I	3
TOTAL CREDITS FOR CERTIFICATE	51

The A.A.S. degree requires the same courses as well as the following general education requirements.

**Natural Science elective	4
**CIS elective	3
**Humanities/Fine Arts elective	3
**History or Social Science or Behavioral Science elective	3
TOTAL CREDITS FOR A.A.S. DEGREE	64

General Education Core Courses may be completed prior to entering the certificate or A.A.S. program.

How Much Will it Cost?

Tuition at Calhoun — the fees paid to take classes— is among the lowest in the area. A full-time student will pay between \$1140-\$1520 per 15-week semester. A single class will cost only \$285. Since the College does not have dormitories, the only other costs will be for transportation to and from class and books and supplies. And, if you need help with college costs, the Office of Student Financial Services has information on grants, work study, scholarships and loans.

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