

DENTAL ASSISTING (DEA)

All DEA courses numbered 100 and above may be applied to the major field and elective requirement in the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees.

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DEA 101 Dental Assisting I (3) 2,2

Introductory course to dental assisting. Tooth anatomy, both primary and permanent teeth, are included as well as a survey of head and neck anatomy. Bones, muscles, glands, blood vessels and nerves are studied as they relate to the functional dentition and the jaw joint. Fetal development of the face is included. A limited microbiology section is also included. The lab includes crown carving, myofunctional theories and cephalometric tracings. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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In-District Tuition/Fees: \$473 (effective 2025/26 academic year)

In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.

Prerequisite: Acceptance into DEA program

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

DEA 103 Dental Materials I (3) 2,2

This course deals with the chemical, physical and mechanical concepts of gypsum, hydrocolloids, dental filling materials and periodontal packs. Emphasis will be placed on developing manipulative skills necessary to carry out laboratory and chairside procedures. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available (2 MTS) Pass/No Credit Not Available

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In-District Tuition/Fees: \$624 (effective 2025/26 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in DEA 101

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

DEA 106 Dental Aseptic Techniques (3.5) 2,3

This course is designed for the dental assisting major and will cover methods used for disinfection, sterilization, prevention of crosscontamination and techniques used to prevent personnel infection. Heavy emphasis will be placed on the use of equipment and chemicals. Methods to sterilize individual groups of instruments will be studied. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available (2 MTS) Pass/No Credit Not Available

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In-District Tuition/Fees: \$613 (effective 2025/26 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in DEA 101

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

DEA 107 Dental Radiography (3) 2,2

Techniques involved in exposing, processing and mounting dental x-rays. Two techniques are taught: the paralleling and the bisecting angle. Stress is placed upon radiation safety for the operator and patient. Anatomy of the bony structures radiographed as well as history and physics of radiography will be covered. All work will be completed on manikins. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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In-District Tuition/Fees: \$649 (effective 2025/26 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in DEA 101 or consent of instructor

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

DEA 108 Chairside Dental Assisting I (3) 2,2

Practical experience is given in chairside procedures of general dentistry. Procedures for tooth restoration and cleaning are covered. Skills taught include equipment use and care, aseptic techniques, charting, saliva control, instrument transfer, sharpening, and identification. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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In-District Tuition/Fees: \$529 (effective 2025/26 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in DEA 101, DEA 103 and DEA 106

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

DEA 111 Dental Assisting II (3) 2,2

The course presents concepts in oral health and prevention of dental disease including patient education and oral hygiene instruction, patient information and assessment, first aid as it applies to the dental office, and pharmacology as it relates to dentistry. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available (2 MST) Pass/No Credit Not Available

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In-District Tuition/Fees: \$439 (effective 2025/26 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in DEA 101

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

DEA 113 Special Projects in Dental Assisting (1) 0,2

Remedial or advanced projects in either chairside assisting or dental radiography will be undertaken. Advanced projects in dental radiography include occlusal and oblique angle projections, pedodontic and extra oral techniques. Advanced projects in chairside assistance including six-handed, sit-down dentistry and chairside assisting for the dental specialties. Clinical evaluations and a project report will be required. Advanced work in dental biology can also be undertaken. This course is repeatable 2 times. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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In-District Tuition/Fees: \$163 (effective 2025/26 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in DEA 111 or concurrent enrollment in DEA 111 or consent of instructor

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

DEA 118 Dental Materials II (3) 2,2

This course is a continuation of Dental Materials I. Concepts applied to prosthetic dental impression materials are covered as well as acrylic materials and metals. Emphasis will be placed on manipulative techniques and their use in general dentistry. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available (2 MTS) Pass/No Credit Not Available

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In-District Tuition/Fees: \$604 (effective 2025/26 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in DEA 103

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

DEA 119 Dental Records and Communications (3) 2,2

The policies and procedures for all dental office clinical and financial records are discussed. Compilation and recording of data, correspondence with responsible third parties, and filing and storage of records are included. Appointments, bookkeeping procedures, inventory control, telephone techniques, banking procedures, and financial arrangements are covered. Also included are: Interviewing skills, health and grooming, ethics, and history of dentistry. A major part of the course includes effective patient communication. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available (2 MT) Pass/No Credit Not Available

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In-District Tuition/Fees: \$514 (effective 2025/26 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in DEA 108 or concurrent enrollment.

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

DEA 120 Chairside Dental Assisting II (3) 2.5,1.5

Indepth classroom and laboratory experiences in chairside dental assisting procedures for the specialties of dentistry. Endodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, and Periodontics will be emphasized. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available (2 MTS) Pass/No Credit Not Available

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In-District Tuition/Fees: \$499 (effective 2025/26 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in DEA 101 and DEA 108

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

DEA 123 Clinical Practice I (4) .5,10.5

Application of theories and skills taught in the classroom to clinical surroundings of two general practice offices. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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In-District Tuition/Fees: \$552 (effective 2025/26 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Prerequisite:Grade of C or better in DEA 107 and DEA 120 or; (2) consent of instructor

Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

DEA 124 Clinical Practice II (4) .5,10.5

Application of theories and skills taught in the classroom and lab to the clinical surroundings of two or three different specialties. Student affiliations can include: oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, periodontics and pediatric dentistry. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available
Pass/No Credit Not Available

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Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer