



[DENTAAS; CIP Code 51.0601]

**Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.)  
– Career**

This associate in applied science program prepares students for an entry-level position in one of the fastest growing health care fields with a curriculum introducing them to the profession of dentistry. They will learn all areas of clinical dental assisting and receive training in the professional skills required to function as an assistant in a dental practice. Through lecture and laboratory sessions, they learn the roles and responsibilities of the dental assistant. Skill development includes policies and guidelines, oral and dental anatomy, infection control, dental radiology, instrument identification and use, and expanded functions. Students must obtain a minimum grade of 'C' in all Dental courses.

**Program Learning Outcomes**

This program prepares students to sit for the three components of the Dental Assisting National Board Exams (DANB): Radiation and Safety Examination (RHS); Infection Control (ICE); and General Chairside (GC) which are the three components of the nationally recognized Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification. The DANB exams are administered at Pearson Vue Centers and are not included as part of the cost of this program. In addition to the CDA certification, students will be eligible to apply for their New Jersey Dental Radiology Technologist licensure, and expanded-functions licensure in the State of New Jersey as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA).

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# Dental Assisting, A.A.S.

**FIRST YEAR – Summer Start**

<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 101 English Composition I <i>or</i> ENGL 101E Enhanced English Composition I	3-4
<input type="checkbox"/> SPEH 101 Effective Speech	3
<input type="checkbox"/> DENT 101 Dental Science I	1
	7-8

**Fall Semester**

<input type="checkbox"/> DENT 102 Dental Science II	2
<input type="checkbox"/> DENT 105 Chairside Assisting & Expanded Functions I	4
<input type="checkbox"/> DENT 107 Dental Infection Control & Biomedical Science	3
<input type="checkbox"/> DENT 110 Dental Radiology	4
	13

**Spring Semester**

<input type="checkbox"/> DENT 205 Chairside Assisting & Expanded Functions II	4
<input type="checkbox"/> DENT 120 Dental Patient & Practice Management	2
<input type="checkbox"/> DENT 125 Dental Materials	3
<input type="checkbox"/> DENT 210 Dental Externship	7
	16

**SECOND YEAR – Fall Semester**

<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 105 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
<input type="checkbox"/> NTRN 101 Nutrition	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 101 General Psychology <i>or</i> SOC1 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ General Education Elective	2-3
	12-13

**Spring Semester**

<input type="checkbox"/> _____ General Education Mathematics Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ General Education Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ General Education Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ General Education Elective	3
	12

**TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS: 60**

**Program Notes**

General education courses and transferrable. Advisors should direct students to take general education electives based on their interest for transferring to a four-year college program/degree.

Students must receive a grade of 75 or higher in all dental courses.