



[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

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

Fall Semester

☐ DENT 102 Dental Science II	2
☐ DENT 105 Chairside Assisting & Expanded Functions I	4
☐ DENT 107 Dental Infection Control & Biomedical Science	3
☐ DENT 110 Dental Radiology	4
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Spring Semester

☐ DENT 205 Chairside Assisting & Expanded Functions II	4
☐ DENT 120 Dental Patient & Practice Management	2
☐ DENT 125 Dental Materials	2
☐ DENT 210 Dental Externship	7
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SECOND YEAR – Fall Semester

☐ BIOL 105 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
☐ NTRN 101 Nutrition	3
☐ PSYC 101 General Psychology <i>or</i> SOC1 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
☐ ____ General Education Elective	3
	13

Spring Semester

☐ ____ General Education Mathematics Elective	3
☐ ____ General Education Elective	3
☐ ____ General Education Elective	3
☐ ____ 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.