

# DENTAL ASSISTANT

## Overview

### Dental Assistant Technical Diploma

Program Code: 30-508-2

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Dental assistants perform a variety of patient care, office and laboratory responsibilities. In this program, learn to use dental equipment, expose and process radiographs, assist with dental emergencies, record medical and dental information, maintain a supply inventory, and perform related dental office and laboratory procedures under the direction and supervision of a dentist.

The minimum required course grades and program grade point average (GPA) for students under this catalog are:

Core Courses = C

Program GPA = 2.0

## Learning Outcomes

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1. Perform a variety of entry-level supportive dental procedures.
2. Manage infection and hazard control.
3. Produce diagnostic radiographs.
4. Perform basic dental laboratory procedures.
5. Demonstrate professional behaviors, ethics, and appearance.

## Critical Life Skills

To help our students prepare for success in a workplace and society that is **increasingly global, multi-cultural, and collaborative**, all students are given opportunities to develop and demonstrate Critical Life Skills, both in and out of the classroom. The following Critical Life Skills are learning outcomes for WCTC students.

- **Communication:** Demonstrate appropriate communication.
- **Critical Thinking/Problem Solving:** Demonstrate critical thinking skills to analyze situations and solve problems.
- **Relationships:** Demonstrate effective interpersonal skills.
- **Self-management:** Demonstrate responsible and respectful behavior.

## Required Courses

Listed below are the required courses for the program. To view the recommended sequence for taking courses click on the plan of study tab(s) above. Work with your Academic Advisor to design a program plan!

View your **Program Matrix** to find out when each course will be offered (term and time of day).

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		
508-101	Dental Health Safety	1
508-103	Dental Radiography	2
Approved Substitute: 508-305		
508-302	Dental Chairside	5

508-304	Dental & General Anatomy	2
508-306	Dental Assistant Clinical	3
508-307	Dental Assistant Professional	1
508-113	Dental Materials	2
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

## Full-time, Fall Start Plan

First Year			Credits
Fall Term 1			
508-101	Dental Health Safety	6-day Hybrid Prerequisite course	1
508-103	Dental Radiography	This course runs 16 weeks.	2
508-302	Dental Chairside	This course will run 16 weeks.	5
508-306	Dental Assistant Clinical	This course will run 16 weeks.	3
508-304	Dental & General Anatomy		2
508-113	Dental Materials		2
<b>Credits</b>			<b>15</b>
Fall Term 2			
508-307	Dental Assistant Professional		1
<b>Credits</b>			<b>1</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>16</b>

## Part-time, Fall Start Plan

First Year			Credits
Fall Term 1			
508-101	Dental Health Safety	6-day Hybrid Prerequisite course	1
508-103	Dental Radiography	This course runs 16 weeks.	2
508-113	Dental Materials		2
508-304	Dental & General Anatomy		2
<b>Credits</b>			<b>7</b>
Spring Term 1			
508-306	Dental Assistant Clinical	This course will run 16 weeks.	3
508-302	Dental Chairside	This course will run 16 weeks.	5
<b>Credits</b>			<b>8</b>
Spring Term 2			
508-307	Dental Assistant Professional		1
<b>Credits</b>			<b>1</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>16</b>

## Part-time, Spring Start Plan

First Year			Credits
Winter Interim			
508-101	Dental Health Safety		1
<b>Credits</b>			<b>1</b>
Spring Term 1			
508-103	Dental Radiography	This course runs 16 weeks.	2
508-113	Dental Materials		2
508-304	Dental & General Anatomy		2
<b>Credits</b>			<b>6</b>

**Fall Term 1**

508-302	Dental Chairside <small>This course will run 16 weeks.</small>	5
508-306	Dental Assistant Clinical <small>This course will run 16 weeks.</small>	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>

**Fall Term 2**

508-307	Dental Assistant Professional	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

**Full-time, Spring Start Plan****First Year**

<b>Winter Interim</b>		<b>Credits</b>
508-101	Dental Health Safety	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>1</b>

**Spring Term 1**

508-103	Dental Radiography <small>This course runs 16 weeks.</small>	2
508-113	Dental Materials	2
508-302	Dental Chairside <small>This course runs 16 weeks.</small>	5
508-306	Dental Assistant Clinical <small>This course runs 16 weeks.</small>	3
508-304	Dental & General Anatomy	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14</b>

**Spring Term 2**

508-307	Dental Assistant Professional	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>16</b>