

DENTAL ASSISTING (DA)

About the program

Programs in this field prepare students for careers as dental assistants and for successful completion of the Registered Dental Assistant and Certified Dental Assistant Examinations. Program Applications are accepted each year February 1-August 1 on a first come, first served basis. 24 students are accepted each year. Applications can be downloaded at www.redwoods.edu/dental.

Degrees/Certificates within this Program:

- Associate of Science Degree, Dental Assisting
- Certificate of Achievement, Dental Assisting

Note: For Dental Assisting program progression and completion, a grade of "C" or better is required in all courses. For information on program prerequisites and special application procedures, contact the Dental Assisting Program Office or the department web page below.

Similar Degrees/Certificates offered at CR:

- Associate of Science Degree, Licensed Vocational Nursing
- Certificate of Achievement, Licensed Vocational Nursing
- Associate of Science Degree, Registered Nursing
- Associate of Science Degree, Paramedic/LVN to RN
- Certificate of Achievement, LVN to RN
- Associate of Science Degree, North Coast Paramedic
- Certificate of Achievement, North Coast Paramedic

Career Opportunities

Employment opportunities in this field include:

- Registered Dental Assistant
- Certified Dental Assistant

For more information

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Associate of Science Degree, Dental Assisting

Program Prerequisite: Eligibility for enrollment in ENGL-150 and MATH 376

	Units
General Education Requirements	18.0
Program Requirements	
Core Courses	29.0
DA 153 Dental Science	2.0
DA 154 Dental Materials and Procedures	3.0
DA 155 Dental Radiography	2.0
DA 156 Dental Assisting Fundamentals (Chairside)	5.0
DA 163 Dental Disease and Oral Health	2.0
DA 164 Dental Specialties and Extended Duties	3.0
DA 165 Advanced Dental Radiography	2.0
DA 166 Dental Front Office Skills	1.0
DA 167 Dental Clinical Experience	6.0
HO 15 Nutrition	3.0
Unrestricted Electives - as needed to complete 60 total units	
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Program Sequence Full-Time -Fall Start

Nutrition (HO 15) and Speech (COMM 1 or COMM 6 or COMM 7) are not prerequisites, however it is strongly advised that students complete these courses in the Spring or Summer semester prior to enrolling in the DA program.

Semester 1 DA 153, DA 154, DA 155, DA 156, (HO 15 and COMM 1 or COMM 6 or COMM-7)

Semester 2 DA 163, DA 164, DA 165, DA 166, (HO 15 and COMM 1 or COMM 6 or COMM 7)

Plus 13 unrestricted elective units

General Education Requirements

Natural Science: Life Science and Chemistry are encouraged and relevant to the profession, necessary for dental hygiene prerequisites

Social Science: Psychology and Sociology are encouraged and relevant to the profession, necessary for dental hygiene prerequisites

Humanities: Foreign Language or Sign Language are encouraged and relevant to the profession, necessary for dental hygiene prerequisites

Program Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrates the ability to accurately follow directions, appropriately communicate, efficiently organize, and promptly adapt when functioning as a professional team-member in the dental setting.
- Adheres to all safety guidelines/requirements as well as ethical standards when performing the permitted duties as allowed by the California Dental Practice Act to the preclinical or clinical competency level.
- Meets necessary requirements for employment as well as qualifying for State licensure (Registered Dental Assistant) and/or national certification (Certified Dental Assistant) exams upon completion of the Program.