

Division of Health-Related Professions

Dental Assisting A Technical Certificate Program

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Dental Assisting program provides the general education core, program specific courses, and the clinical practicum to prepare students for a career as a Dental Assistant. The knowledge and skills acquired within the classroom and laboratory setting enhances the learning opportunities for the dental assistant student. Following the successful completion of the program, students are eligible to sit for the Dental Assistant National Board Examination and apply for state registry.

The Dental Assisting program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A student desiring to pursue the Academic Certificate in Dental Assisting must:

1. Submit the Northeast State Application for Admission to the Office of Admissions and Records.
2. Indicate Dental Assisting as the desired program on the Northeast State application form.
3. See a faculty advisor representing the Health-Related Professions area prior to registering for classes and obtain faculty approval to register.

TYPICAL PROGRAM OF STUDY

Semester I-Fall

DAST 1010	Orientation to Dental Assisting	1
DAST 1030	Dental Materials	4
DAST 1110	Chairside Assisting I	4
DAST 1220	Dental Radiology I	4
DAST 1310	Dental Science I	3
HLTH 2030	First Aid & Emergency Care	3

Semester II-Spring

DAST 1120	Chairside Assisting II	4
DAST 1210	Preventive Dentistry	3
DAST 1230	Dental Radiology II	2
DAST 1320	Dental Science II	3
DAST 1410	Clinical Practicum I	1
ENGL 1010	Composition I	3
HRPR 1000	Introduction to Health-Related Professions	3

Semester III-Summer

DAST 1020	Dental Office Management	3
DAST 1420	Clinical Practicum II	2
PSYC 1030	General Psychology	3
SPCH 1010	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3

Total Credit Hours 49

The Dental Assisting Program is a selective admission program. Application does not guarantee admission.

Additional courses may be needed to overcome deficiencies in English, mathematics, and reading.

TYPICAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Dental Assistants may be employed in private dental offices, group practice, veteran hospitals, health departments, hospitals, clinics, armed services, sales, computer training and education. The Dental Assistant's duties include office duties, patient care, and laboratory work making casts and impressions.

DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Dental Assisting program has specific enrollment criteria and admission to Northeast State does not guarantee admission to this program. A student desiring enrollment in the Dental Assisting program should contact the Health-Related Professions Division office at 423.323.0238.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the program, all students will demonstrate the ability to comprehend, apply, analyze, and evaluate information relevant to their roles as entry level Dental Assistants.

Upon completion of the program, all students will demonstrate technical proficiency in all skills necessary to fulfill the role of entry level Dental Assistants.

Upon completion of the program, all students will demonstrate personal behavior consistent with professional and employer expectations for the entry level Dental Assistants.

Upon completion of the program, all students will demonstrate critical thinking skills for inquiry and analysis assimilation of facts and knowledge, and problem solving.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Ten-Year Projected Job Increase Rate*
31%

TN Average Salary*
\$32,290

***Source:**
Tennessee Bureau of Labor Statistics
<http://www.bls.gov>



Approved Courses for General Education

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Communication

ENGL 1010	Composition I	3
ENGL 1020	Composition II	3
To fulfill Oral Presentational Communication Requirement		
SPCH 1010	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
SPCH 2300	Public Speaking	3
SPCH 2320	Argumentation and Debate	3

Humanities and/or Fine Arts:

To fulfill Literature requirement		
ENGL 2030	Literary Heritage	3
ENGL 2110	American Literature I	3
ENGL 2120	American Literature II	3
ENGL 2130	American Masterpieces	3
ENGL 2180	Myth and Tradition	3
ENGL 2210	English Literature I	3
ENGL 2220	English Literature II	3
ENGL 2330	World Literature	3
To fulfill Humanities/Fine Arts requirement		
ARTH 1030	Introduction to Art	3
ARTH 2010	Survey of Art History I	3
ARTH 2020	Survey of Art History II	3
HUM 2010	Introduction to Humanities I	3
HUM 2020	Introduction to Humanities II	3
HUM 2340	Black Studies	3
HUM 2350	Technology in Society	3
MUS 1030	Music Appreciation	3
PHIL 1030	Self and World	3
PHIL 2020	Values and Society	3
PHIL 2210	Introduction to the Study of Religion	3
THEA 1030	Introduction to Theatre	3
THEA 2010	Theatre History I	3
THEA 2020	Theatre History II	3

Behavioral and Social Sciences

To fulfill Behavioral and Social Sciences requirement		
ECON 1050	Economics and Society	3
ECON 2010	Macroeconomics	3
ECON 2020	Microeconomics	3
GEOG 1030	Cultural Geography	3
GEOG 2010	World Geography	3
POLS 1030	American Government	3
POLS 2210	Comparative World Politics	3
PSYC 1030	General Psychology	3
PSYC 2130	Life Span Psychology	3
SOCI 1010	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCI 1020	Social Problems	3
SOCI 1030	Introduction to Anthropology	3
SOCI 2010	Marriage and Family	3
SOCW 2010	Fitness, Wellness, and Society	3
WMST 2010	Introduction to Women's Studies	3

Approved Courses for General Education Continued:

History

To fulfill History requirement		
HIST 1210	World History I	3
HIST 1220	World History II	3
HIST 2010	U.S. History I	3
HIST 2020	U.S. History II	3
HIST 2030	Tennessee History	3

Natural Science

To fulfill Natural Science requirement		
ASTR 1010	Astronomy I	4
ASTR 1020	Astronomy II	4
BIOL 1010	Introduction to Biology I	4
BIOL 1020	Introduction to Biology II	4
BIOL 1030	Concepts in Biology	4
BIOL 1110	General Biology I (Majors)	4
BIOL 1120	General Biology II (Majors)	4
BIOL 2010	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 2015	Environmental Science	4
BIOL 2020	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
CHEM 1030	Introduction to Chemistry	4
CHEM 1110	General Chemistry I	4
CHEM 1120	General Chemistry II	4
PHYS 1030	Introduction to Physics	4
PHYS 2010	Non-Calculus Based Physics I	4
PHYS 2020	Non-Calculus Based Physics II	4
PHYS 2110	Calculus-Based Physics I	4
PHYS 2120	Calculus-Based Physics II	4
PSCI 1010	Physical Science I (Physics and Chemistry)	4
PSCI 1020	Physical Science II (Earth/Space Science)	4

Mathematics

To fulfill Mathematics requirement		
MATH 1010	Mathematical Applications	3
MATH 1410	Foundations of Numerical Concepts (Education Majors Only)	3
MATH 1530	Probability and Statistics (Non-Calculus Based)	3
MATH 1630	Finite Mathematics	3
MATH 1710	Pre-Calculus I (Algebra)	3
MATH 1720	Pre-Calculus II	3
MATH 1830	Calculus for Business	3
MATH 1910	Calculus I	4

Note: Some majors may require specific general education courses. Students and advisors should consult curriculum guides before making general education course selections.

ACADEMIC PLAN FOR CATALOG YEAR 2015-2016
TIMELINE FOR DEGREE COMPLETION

Semester:	Cr Hrs
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Student Signature

Date

Academic Advisor Signature

Date



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Meeting Dates:

This academic plan is an unofficial document intended to be used for advising/course planning only. This document cannot be used to supersede or waive requirements listed in the Northeast State Community College Catalog. Course availability is not guaranteed.

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Northeast State is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Northeast State.