Dental Assisting (Registered)

Certificate of Achievement - Dental Assisting *Program Code 231*

Associate Degree in Applied Science *Program Code 230*

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Program Prerequisites

See course description of specific course requirments. This program has special admission procedures and limited enrollment. Please see admission requirements for the Health Science program on page 16. An academic advisor will help determine your eligibility and recommend courses designed to prepare you for this program.

Challenge Examinations

The following pathways allow individuals to obtain a Certificate of Achievement in Dental Assisting from LMC. See the Dental Assisting advisor to determine which pathway is best for you.
Pathway I is the traditional entry for any student.
Pathway II is available to dental assisting completers from high school career centers or other educational facilities that have articulation agreements with the LMC Dental Assisting program.
Pathway III grants up to 34 advanced standing credits to current Certified Dental Assistants (CDAs).
Pathway IV is available for non-credentialed working dental assistants. This pathway allows students to challenge each course, up to 27 credits, by successfully completing the final exam.

Degree Requirements — Credit Hours

Dental Assisting core courses are the same for the certificate and associate's degree programs. The courses required for the associate's degree may be taken prior, during or after completion of the major courses.

College Requirements

English 101, English Composition 3
English 102, English Composition, or
English 103, Technical Writing 3
* Physical Education 200, Healthful Living, or
Physical Education 212, Health and Fitness, or
Physical Education 214, Personal Health ..... 1 or 3
Political Science 101, National Government, or
Political Science 102, State Governments, or
History 201, American History to 1865, or
History 202, American History 1865 to Present 3

Support Courses

Biology 108, Basic Anatomy and Physiology, or
Biology 205, Human Anatomy 4
Psychology 201, Introduction to Psychology 3
Communication 101, Introduction to Public Speaking 3
**Health 165, Standard First Aid and Personal Safety 2
**Health 166, CPR/AED 1
**Business Administration 150, Job Search Seminar 1
Psychology 204, Child Development and Personality, or
Psychology 205, Interpersonal Relations, or
Sociology 101, Principles of Sociology 3

Major

**Dental Assisting 165, Introduction to Dental Assisting 3
**Dental Assisting 166, Chairside I 3
**Dental Assisting 167, Chairside II 3
**Dental Assisting 168, Chairside III 3
**Dental Assisting 169, Chairside IV 3
**Dental Assisting 170, Introduction to Business Assisting 3
**Dental Assisting 171, Introduction to Dental Radiography 4
**Dental Assisting 172, Medical Issues in Dental Office 2
**Dental Assisting 173, Clinical I 6
**Dental Assisting 174, RDA I 3
**Dental Assisting 175, RDA II 3
**Dental Assisting 176, Clinical II 5

* Transferring students are encouraged to take PHED 212 or PHED 214.
** Classes required for Certificate program

Sample Course Sequence

Certificate (Full-time)

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
*DENT 165	DENT 169	DENT 173
DENT 166	DENT 170	DENT 174
DENT 167	+DENT 171	DENT 175
DENT 168	DENT 172	DENT 176
**BUSA 150	HEAL 165	
	HEAL 166	

Certificate (Part-time)

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
*DENT 165	DENT 167	DENT 169
DENT 166	DENT 168	DENT 170
	**BUSA 150	

Semester 4	Semester 5	Semester 6
+DENT 171	DENT 174	DENT 173
DENT 172	DENT 175	DENT 176
HEAL 165		
HEAL 166		

Associate Degree Program (Full-time)

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
BIOL 108 or 205	**BUSA 150	COMM 101
*DENT 165	DENT 167	DENT 170
DENT 166	DENT 168	+DENT 171
ENGL 101	ENGL 102 or 103	POSC 101 or 102, or
PHED 200	DENT 169	HIST 201 or 202

Semester 4	Semester 5
DENT 172	DENT 173
DENT 174	DENT 176
DENT 175	SOCI Elective
HEAL 165	
HEAL 166	
PSYC 201	

Associate Degree (Part-time)

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
*DENT 165	DENT 166	DENT 167
BIOL 108 or 205	ENGL 101	ENGL 102 or 103

Semester 4	Semester 5	Semester 6
DENT 168	DENT 169	DENT 170
COMM 101	POSC 101 or 102, or	BUSA 150**
	HIST 201 or 202	

Semester 7	Semester 8	Semester 9
DENT 171	DENT 172	DENT 174
PSYC 201	SOCI elective	HEAL 166
		HEAL 165

Semester 10	Semester 11
DENT 173	DENT 176
DENT 175	PHED 200

* Transitional courses can be taken concurrently
** Course only offered during Fall/Winter semester
+ These courses open to all employed Dental Assistants

Program Accreditation

The program in Dental Assisting is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and by the U.S. Department of Education. The program is also accredited by the Michigan State Board of Dentistry.