



DENTAL ASSISTING • Associate in Science

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✓	COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
_____	DAS 100	Clinical Practicum I*	2	
_____	DAS 101	Dental Science I*	3	
_____	DAS 102	Dental Assisting*	4	
_____	DAS 104	Dental Materials & Procedures*	3	
_____	DAS 150	Clinical Practicum II*	4	DAS 100, DAS 102, DAS 104, DHY 152
_____	DAS 151	Dental Science II*	3	DAS 101
_____	DAS 152	Dental Practice Management*	2	
_____	DAS 153	Preventive Dentistry*	3	DAS 101, DAS 102, DAS 100
_____	DHY 152	Dental Radiology*	3	
_____	ENG 101	English Composition I	3	C- in ENG 071 or eligible for ENG 101 and placement above or successful completion of ENG 060
_____	ENG 102	English Composition II: An Introduction to Literature	3	ENG 101
_____	_____	Humanities Elective	3	
_____	_____	Mathematics Elective**	3	
_____	BIO 105	Basic Anatomy & Physiology	3	ENG 060 or higher placement
_____	PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3	Eligible for ENG 101 and ENG 060 or higher placement
_____	_____	Social Science Elective	3	
_____	_____	Behavioral Science Elective or		
_____	_____	Social Science Elective	3	
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**Must be above MAT 070

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Program Description:

The Dental Assisting Associate in Science degree program provides the skills and knowledge necessary to assist at chairside in the dental environment. The program prepares students to perform clinical supportive procedures, some clinical procedures on patients (such as oral health instruction), to perform laboratory procedures, and basic office procedures. Students also gain knowledge into the legal provisions and regulations pertinent to the Massachusetts Dental Practice Act and dental auxiliary utilization. Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board exam, which awards the credential of Certified Dental Assistant. The program emphasizes hands-on learning in small clinical and lab settings, as well as through the internship experience and Service-Learning activities.

Career and Transfer Outlook:

Typically, graduates gain employment in private and group dental practices. Entry-level salary is around \$16 to \$20 an hour. There is a high demand for qualified and credentialed dental assistants. In Massachusetts, dental assistants must be certified in radiology in order to take X-rays at their place of employment.

Helpful Hints:

Students should consider taking many of their general education/non-Dental courses prior to entry into the Dental Assisting program in the fall.

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*** Special Requirements for Dental Assisting Degree and Certificate:** In order to continue in the Dental Assisting program, students must have a grade of C or better in all dental courses. Additional coursework may be required based on college placement testing. Students are urged to meet with their academic advisor for proper course sequencing. Science courses being applied to this program must have been completed within 5 years of entering the program.

Students enrolled in the Dental Assisting program must demonstrate a satisfactory level of performance in clinical settings in order to remain in the program. See page 169 for additional information.



Requirements After Admission to Dental Assisting

- Students must have transportation available to them for travel to the program's internships.
- Submit the Student Health Record form, provided by Middlesex Community College, to the Health Service Office. Required documentation of health status includes a completed physical examination, proof of immunization against measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus-diphtheria and Hepatitis B (three-dose vaccine series). Documentation of immune titer for varicella is also required.
- Earn and submit a current certification in CPR at the Health Care Provider level which is valid for the entire academic year and renewed annually.
- Students are responsible for purchase of instruments, uniforms and professional textbooks.
- Students must arrange for a patient to be present for clinical courses when required.
- In order for a student to be eligible to participate in an academic, community or clinical program that involves potential unsupervised contact with children, the disabled, or the elderly, the student will be required to undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check and/or a Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) check. See page 151 for details.

Standard/Technical Skills Notice:

To view a list of standard and/or technical skills required for performing duties in various health career fields, visit the Middlesex Community College Health Division website (www.middlesex.mass.edu) or the Student Information Centers. These skills are not conditions for admission to MCC programs, but do indicate abilities and characteristics necessary for successful completion of college Health programs, and to perform the duties of the career upon graduation.

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Admission to Dental Assisting Associate Degree in Science

Required Course Prerequisites

- High school or college general mathematics
- High school or college biology

Required Grade

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Required Testing

- Current scores on the college placement test that show readiness for ENG 071, MAT 060 and a reading score of 68. Testing must be completed before the Admission Application deadline and within one year of the application deadline.

Required Documents

- Admission Application
- Dental Assisting Admission Requirements Certification Form

Admission Notes

- Preference is given to Massachusetts residents.
- Currently enrolled MCC students applying to Dental Assisting are required to have a cumulative 2.0 GPA.

Deadline

- Priority consideration is given to applications, including all requirements, received by March 1. Applications received after the deadline date will be considered on a space-available basis.