

### **Application Deadline**

Priority consideration will be given to completed applications, including all requirements and documentation, received by May 1, 2024. Applications received after the deadline will be considered on a space available basis.

### **Special Note Regarding Residency**

Non-Massachusetts residents will be admitted on a space available basis only.

### **Program Description**

The Dental Assisting Certificate 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 and apply for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The program emphasizes hands-on learning in small clinical and lab settings, as well as through the externship experience and service learning activities. Students must have transportation available to them for travel to the program's internships. The Dental Assisting Program is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission in Dental Accreditation.

The Dental Assisting certificate program is a full-time 2 semester academic program. All Dental Assisting classes are held during the day at Middlesex Community College's Lowell campus.

### **Admission Information**

The availability of appropriate clinic placement sites, an integral component of the program, requires us to limit admissions to 20 students. The admission committee will review applications in their entirety. Academic history will also be considered and students are required to have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA. Transfer of credits and credits for prior experiential learning may be applied towards the general education requirements. Non-Massachusetts residents will be admitted on a space available basis only. COVID Vaccine is required.

### **Admission Requirements Checklist**

The following are the admissions requirements needed for program qualification:

- **Cumulative high school or college 2.0 GPA or higher**
- **Eligible for ENG 101 and Math Module 80 or better;** eligibility may be demonstrated through placement, course enrollment, previous college coursework, or high school transcripts

### **Submitting a Complete Application**

If you meet the admissions requirements, the following items must be submitted by the application deadline of May 1, 2024

- A completed online Middlesex Community College Application
- Official high school transcript (required only for documentation of required prerequisite courses)
- Submitted official college transcripts (required from all colleges attended, except Middlesex Community College). Official transcripts can be sent to Registrar@middlesex.mass.edu or

**Middlesex Community College**  
**Enrollment Management Center**  
**33 Kearney Square**  
**Lowell, MA 01852**

### **Criminal Offender Record Information and Sex Offender Registry Information Checks**

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 may be required to undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check and/or a Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) check. For more information regarding Middlesex Community College's CORI/ SORI check process, please contact Human Resources at <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/humanresources/> or call 781-280-3527. The ARDMS may deny, revoke or otherwise take action with regard to application or recertification of an applicant or registrant in the case of, the conviction of, plea of guilty, or plea of nolo contendere to a crime, which is directly related to public health, or the provision of dental hygiene services

# Curriculum

• Fall 2024 •

## Dental Assisting (DA) Certificate

| Course # | Course Title                  | Credits   |
|----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| DAS 101  | Dental Science I              | 3         |
| DAS 151  | Dental Science II             | 1         |
| DAS 102  | Dental Assisting              | 3         |
| DAS 103  | Dental Materials & Procedures | 3         |
| DAS 104  | Pre-clinical Dental Assisting | 2         |
| DAS 105  | Concepts in Risk Management   | 3         |
| DAS 152  | Dental Practice Management    | 2         |
| DAS 153  | Preventive Dentistry          | 3         |
| DAS 150  | Clinical Practicum            | 4         |
| DHY 152  | Dental Radiology              | 3         |
| ENG 101  | English Composition I         | 3         |
| BIO 105  | Basic Anatomy & Physiology    | 3         |
| PSY 101  | Introduction to Psychology    | 3         |
|          | <b>Total credits</b>          | <b>36</b> |

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Please refer to the Middlesex Community College Academic Catalog (<http://catalog.middlesex.mass.edu/>) for Dental Assisting course sequencing, prerequisite and corequisite information.

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