

Dental Assistant

Diploma Program

Contact Hours: 890

Semester Credits: 30.5

Instructional Weeks – Full Time: 38

Average Time to Complete – Full Time: 10 Months

Program Overview

This program is designed to provide the graduate with necessary skills for entry-level employment as a chairside Dental Assistant and front office Dental Assistant. This program is approved by the Dental Board of California. Upon completion, the graduate is eligible to sit for the written and practical California State Board Examination to become a Registered Dental Assistant. Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing these examinations are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take these exams, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

Program Delivery

The Dental Assistant program is delivered in a blended format. Courses will be delivered entirely online, entirely on-ground or with an appropriate blend of both online and on-ground hours in the same course. Of the 890 program hours, a maximum of 445 course hours (50.0%) may be offered online.

Program Objectives

- Perform administrative duties and chairside assisting, advise patients on dental care as directed by the dentist, and respond to medical emergencies (CPR).
- Utilize proper sterilization techniques and infection control procedures as required by OSHA.
- Utilize principles of dental radiology to position, expose, process, and mount dental radiographs.
- Comply with the California Dental Practice Act and perform all dental assisting procedures allowed under the Dental Practice Act.
- Perform coronal polishing of the teeth and ultrasonic scaling in an orthodontic setting to remove cement around bands.
- Sit for the State Board Examination to become a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) and consequently perform RDA functions in the dental office.

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Externship Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
CPSO1021 *	Career Path Success A	15 (0 / 15)			0.5
CPSO1022 *	Career Path Success B	15 (0 / 15)			0.5
CPSO1023 *	Career Path Success C	15 (0 / 15)			0.5
CPSO1024 *	Career Path Success D	15 (0 / 15)			0.5
CPSO1025 *	Career Path Success E	15 (0 / 15)			0.5
CPSO1026 *	Career Path Success F	15 (0 / 15)			0.5
DNTA1331	Introduction to Dental Assisting and Dental Terminology	40 (8 / 32)	40 (32 / 8)		3
DNTA1333	Dental Specialties	40 (8 / 32)	40 (32 / 8)		3
DNTA1335	Materials and Procedures	40 (8 / 32)	40 (32 / 8)		3
DNTA1337	Patient Care and Management	40 (8 / 32)	40 (32 / 8)		3

DNTA1339	Diagnostics and Orthodontics	40 (8 / 32)	40 (32 / 8)		3
DNTA1341	Dental Radiology	40 (8 / 32)	40 (32 / 8)		3
DNTA1343	Additional Duties of the Dental Assistant I	40 (8 / 32)	40 (40 / 0)		3
DNTA1345	Additional Duties of the Dental Assistant II	40 (8 / 32)	40 (40 / 0)		3
DNTA1347	Externship	0	0	160 (125 / 35)	3.5
Subtotal		410 (64/346)	320 (272/48)	160 (125/35)	30.5

**These courses are offered online*

This applies to all students starting on or after February 12, 2024

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
DNTA1324	Infection Control	55 (8 / 47)	40 (32 / 8)	0	3.5
DNTA1354	Dental Specialties	55 (8 / 47)	40 (32 / 8)	0	3.5
DNTA1364	Materials & Instruments	55 (8 / 47)	40 (32 / 8)	0	3.5
DNTA1374	Business Operations and Emergencies	55 (8 / 47)	40 (32 / 8)	0	3.5
DNTA1384	Preventive Dentistry	55 (8 / 47)	40 (32 / 8)	0	3.5
DNTA1394	Radiation Safety	55 (8 / 47)	40 (32 / 8)	0	3.5
DNTA2324	RDA Radiation Safety & Coronal Polishing	40 (8 / 32)	40 (40 / 0)	0	3
DNTA2334	RDA Radiation Safety & Pit and Fissure Sealants	40 (8 / 32)	40 (40 / 0)	0	3
DNTA1347	Externship	0	0	160 (125 / 35)	3.5
Subtotal		410 (64/346)	320 (272/48)	160 (125/35)	30.5