DENTAL ASSISTING

Lincoln Campus

Why SCC?

Students will acquire the knowledge and skills in optimal infection control practices and chairside skills to practice as an ethical dental assistant. Cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (hands on skills) and affective (behavior) learning domains are utilized during their education process. New students are admitted to the program in both Fall and Spring terms. The program includes two semesters plus a 10-week summer term. The program provides clinical experiences at the University of Nebraska Medical Center-College of Dentistry, Veterans Administration-Dental Clinic, Lincoln Lancaster-County Health Department Dental Clinic, Bluestem Health -Dental Clinic, and in various private general and specialty dental offices. Students are responsible for their own transportation.

Graduates of the program are eligible to take the Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) examination, facilitated by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (www.danb.org) and apply for a state license after passing the exam.

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### Program General Education Requirement

**Associate of Applied Science (select one course from each GELO)**

- **GELO #2: Written Communication**
- **GELO #3: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving**
- **GELO #4: Global Awareness and Citizenship**

**In addition, one of the following courses below:**

- **HLTH1050** Dental Terminology
- **OFFT1150** Basic Keyboarding
- **BSAD1010** Microsoft Applications

### Special Program Requirements

1. **A Criminal Background Check** will be required of each student in the 1st term of this Program.
2. **Complete and provide proof of Basic Life Support (BLS) for the Health Care Provider (HCP) by American Heart Association or CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer or Health Care Provider by American Red Cross**
3. **Provide proof of prophylaxis (teeth cleaned) verification** (within the last 6 months)
4. **Complete current Tuberculosis Two-step skin test** (see form on program web page)
5. **General Education required courses grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 minimum**
6. **Current health insurance policy is recommended.**

### During the Program

1. **A Criminal Background Check** will be required of each student in the 1st term of this Program. Based on the background check, a student may be prevented from taking certain courses, accessing certain laboratory experiences, or completing the program. A non-refundable fee of $45 will be assessed for this CBC. Misdemeanor or felony convictions may prevent a graduate from acquiring a state license.
2. **Students admitted to a Health Sciences program at Southeast Community College requiring a clinical rotation at a contracted healthcare facility will submit to initial drug and alcohol testing prior to the first clinical rotation. SCC will assess a non-refundable fee of $35 to student account.**
3. **Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required to graduate from the program. All DENT courses completed with a grade of 75% (C+) or higher to progress through the program.**

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**Types of jobs available**

Graduates will have the opportunity to work in solo practices, group practices, or specialty practices (surgery, pediatrics, orthodontics, prosthetics, endodontics, and periodontics). Public health dental clinics, dental school clinics, insurance companies, and dental product representatives are job prospects for graduates. Dental assistant’s duties are among the most comprehensive and varied in a dental office that utilize both interpersonal and technical skills.

**Admission Requirements**

- Complete Program General Education Requirement Courses
- Complete online application to the program during the designated time periods.
- Complete Program Admission Checklist and Criteria (refer to program website for requirements: www.southeast.ne.edu/dentalassisting)
- Submit Transcripts from high school, GED® or other colleges (if applicable)

**Diploma – Dental Assisting**

The diploma program is designed for those individuals who want to be in the profession of dental assisting. This degree allows graduates to take the national board exam to become a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA). The CDA credential will be the tool utilized to apply for a license in dental assisting (LDA) with the state of Nebraska. The LDA allows for continued growth within the profession of dental assisting by allowing licensed individuals to complete additional education in expanded duties within the dental assisting scope of practice.

**Program General Education Requirements**

**Diploma**

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*The Dental Assisting program challenged me to reach my full potential as a certified dental assistant. I worked in general dentistry for 10 years, then found my way into a specialized office for Endodontics where I have been in the last 12 years. In Endodontics, we treat teeth with root canal therapy. I love every minute of it, working for such wonderful and skilled Endodontists, and knowing I helped someone feel better and to help save their teeth."

-Laura Martacho,
Cornerstone Endodontics*