



Dental Assisting Program
AAS & Certificate Curriculum Plans

Two options are available to students accepted for enrollment in the dental assisting program:

- An associate of applied science (A.A.S.) degree may be attained by completing 23 hours of general education credit in natural and social sciences, English, mathematics, and humanities in addition to successful completion of all DAT courses.
- A dental assisting program certificate may be achieved by completing 10 hours of general education credit in addition to successful completion of all DAT courses.

Students enrolled in the program begin 3 consecutive semester of dental assisting courses in fall which include 350 hours of clinical practice overall. The proposed curriculum plan and individual DAT courses follow the Alabama Community College System Plans of Instruction for dental assisting which include student learning objectives and professional competencies.

Dental Assisting Courses

Fall Semester		
DAT 100	Intro to Dental Assisting	2
DAT 101	Pre-Clinical Procedures I	3
DAT102	Dental Materials	3
DAT 103	Anatomy & Physiology for DAT	3
Term credit hour total		11
Spring Semester		
DAT 104	Basis Sciences for DAT	2
DAT 111	Clinical Practice I	5
DAT 112	Dental Radiology	3
DAT 116	Pre-Clinical Procedures	3
DAT 120	Office Administration for DAT	3
Term Credit hour total		16
Summer Semester		
DAT 113	Dental Health Education	2
DAT 122	Clinical Practice II	4
DAT123	Dental Assisting Seminar	4
DAT124	Clinically Applied Infection Control and OSHA Standards	1
DAT131	Business & Industry Psychology for DAT	1
Term Credit Hour Total		12
Dental Assisting Credit hour total =		39

Certificate Plan

General Education Requirements		Credit Hours
ENG 101 English Composition I		3
MTH100 or higher		3
ORI101 Orientation to College		1
SPH107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking		3
Certificate	General Education=	10
	Dental Assisting=	39
	Certificate total=	49

Associate Degree Plan

General Education Requirements		Credit Hours
ENG101 English Composition		3
MTH 100 or Higher		3
ORI 101 Orientation to College		1
PSY200 General Psychology		3
SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking		3
Natural Science elective		4
CIS elective		3
Humanities Elective		3
Associate of Applied Science Degree	General Education=	23
	Dental Assisting =	39
	AAS Total =	62

All DAT course must be taken and successfully completed in the order delineated by the curriculum plan. Three semesters are required even when all general education coursework has been completed prior to enrollment.

What are the recommended courses for the elective listed in the associate degree plan?

- Math elective
 - MTH100 (intermediate College Algebra) or MTH112 (Precalculus Algebra)
- Natural sciences elective:
 - BIO 103 (General Biology), BIO 201 (Anatomy & Physiology I), or CHM 104 (Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry)
- Humanities elective: Art, Music, Philosophy, Religion, Theater, Literature
- Computer Information systems elective
 - CIS146 (Microcomputer Applications)