

Dental Assisting Courses

Award: Diploma (Diploma)

Required number of credits: 47

Program Start: Fall

Accepted students must attend a Mandatory Compliance Training session prior to beginning the first day of the program. Students will be notified of the Mandatory Compliance Training at their MORE orientation and registration session.

As a student in a health program at Hawkeye Community College, and to participate in clinicals, you will be required to complete the following screenings: Criminal background check, sex offender registry, child abuse registry, and dependent adult registry. The outcome could possibly affect your opportunities to participate in the clinical setting.

Bloodborne Pathogens, Infectious Disease, and Ionizing Radiation

As a student of the Allied Dental Programs at Hawkeye Community College, individuals may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens, infectious disease, and ionizing radiation. The Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Programs both educate students in policies which are outlined in the school catalog, student and faculty handbooks, and program policies and procedures manuals, which are effective in ensuring a safe environment. These items are clearly stated verbally and in written form and given to students, faculty, and staff of Hawkeye Community College through set exposure control guidelines.

Safety regarding ionizing radiation is effective and remains a primary focus, including the design of the radiology facilities, the monitoring of potential radiation through the use of the quarterly TLD badge system, and the registration and monitoring of all equipment in compliance with the State of Iowa regulations for safety. The units used for patient exposure allow for the least amount of radiation exposure when used on the film speed E or the phosphor plate sensors.

The Allied Dental Programs accept responsibility for assuring compliance with federal and state regulations regarding bloodborne pathogens standards and hazardous materials/communications. The Programs recognize the potential for bloodborne infectious disease in patients presenting for care in clinic, sterilization, radiology, and in the dental laboratory. Protocols in all clinic and support areas have been established to integrate the ethical, legal, and regulatory considerations.

2021–2022 Suggested Sequence of Study



The following suggested sequence of study is for new full-time students starting the program Fall 2021, Spring 2022, or Summer 2022. Part-time students should visit with a program advisor for a modified sequence of study.



When registering for classes refer to your Academic Evaluation to see your specific program requirements and ensure proper registration.



Courses are subject to change.

◆ General education course.

► Course has a prerequisite and/or corequisite.

O Course meets 100% online.

E Course meets face-to-face after 5:00pm.

10WK Course meets for 10 weeks.



You must achieve a minimum "C" grade in all courses that are required to complete the program.

Semester 1

BIO-163	Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology *	E 4	◆
DEA-103	Orientation to Dental Assisting	2	
DEA-258	Dental Anatomy	4	
DEA-302	Dental Radiography	3	
DEA-412	Dental Materials I	3	
DEA-513	Chairside Assisting I	4	

Total Credits 20

* Prior completion of both BIO-168 and BIO-173 with a minimum grade of C will be acceptable replacement for BIO-163.

Semester 2

DEA-262	Dental Sciences	1	
DEA-417	Dental Materials II ►	2	
DEA-514	Chairside Assisting II ►	2	
DEA-556	Assisting Clinic I	4	
DEA-603	Dental Specialties	2	
DEA-701	Dental Office Procedures ►	1	
ENG-105	Composition I ►	O E 3	◆
SPC-101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	O E 3	◆

Total Credits 18

Semester 3 – Summer

DEA-578	Dental Assisting Clinic II	10WK	5	
DEA-591	Dental Assisting Seminar ▶		1	
PSY-102	Human and Work Relations -OR-		3	◆
PSY-111	Introduction to Psychology -OR-	O E	3	◆
SOC-110	Introduction to Sociology	O E	3	◆
			Total Credits 9	