

Dental Assisting

Career Certificate (VC)

2025 - 2026

Student's Name: _____

Student's ID Number: _____

Pathway Navigator: _____ Faculty Advisors: **Laurie Womble**
Valaree Shuler

Major Courses (1230 clock hours/28 vocational hours/19 credit hours)

The purpose of this limited access, selective admissions program is to provide students with the educational background and clinical competencies necessary in the field of dental assisting. The program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) of the American Dental Association. After successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board Examination (DANB) for certification. The program can be completed in only 10 months.

To apply for this program of study, students should obtain a program application packet from the Health Sciences web page containing a current listing of admission guidelines and course requirements.

ADMISSIONS:

The Dental Assisting program is a limited access program beginning each fall semester. A selective admissions policy with specific selection criteria is utilized in order to select the most qualified applicants. The strength of the applicant pool varies year-to-year, with the best qualified applicants receiving first consideration. It is the applicant's responsibility to inquire about these specific admission and selection criteria and to ensure that all required documents are received on campus prior to the published deadline in the current application packet.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DISCLOSURE:

Gulf Coast State College is approved to offer programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification in Florida. GCSC does not guarantee that programs which fulfill Florida licensing requirements will satisfy the criteria of professional licensure boards in other states, as each state has unique requirements for professional licensure or certification which are subject to change at any time and without notice.

Enrolled students and prospective students are strongly encouraged to contact their state's licensure entity to review all licensure or certification requirements imposed by their state(s) of choice. Please review the licensing board for guidance on the professional licensure or certification requirements for programs in your home state or where you would like to practice professionally.

GCSC is required by the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) to disclose whether your prospective program meets the professional licensure or certification requirements in other states. NC-SARA does not address professional licensure issues. <https://gulfcoast.edu/academics/online/professional-licensure-disclosure.html>

Provisional Admission Requirements:

- Apply to Gulf Coast State College. General admission to the college must be granted prior to applying to the Dental Assisting program. General admission to Gulf Coast State College does not imply acceptance into the Dental Assisting program. This is a limited access program.
- Current TABE or CPT/PERT scores (successful completion required for graduation). Demonstrated 10th grade competency level in Reading, Language, and Math satisfied by current placement test scores or successful completion ("C" or higher) in equivalent college-level courses.
- Official high school transcript or GED and all official college transcript(s) sent to Enrollment Services for evaluation
- Completed program application including:
 - Dental Assisting application
 - Technical Standards form
 - Placement Test Requirement form
 - Additional documentation if applicable (as specified in the application packet)

Requirements after Provisional Acceptance

- Report of Vaccination History to include:
 - Hepatitis B Surface Antigen test
 - Hepatitis B vaccine series, if surface antigen is positive (or signed declination waiver)
 - PPD Mantoux/TB Test annually (may require chest radiograph if previously positive PPD Mantoux/TB test)
 - MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
 - Varicella (Chickenpox)
 - Tetanus-Diphtheria (Tetanus every 10 years)
- Copy of current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certificate BLS for Healthcare Provider by the American Heart Association (AHA)
- Satisfactory fingerprint/criminal background check
- Healthcare Interprofessional Training (every 2 years)
 - HIPAA Training
 - HIV/AIDS Training
 - Prevention of Medical Errors
 - Domestic Violence
 - Infection Control
 - Human Trafficking
 - Interprofessional Education
 - Airborne Precautions w/Mask Fit
- Satisfactory physical examination (signed by physician)
- Satisfactory drug screening results

<input type="checkbox"/> DEA0020C Pre-Clinical Procedures+##=	182 ct/6v
<input type="checkbox"/> DEA0132 Dental Nutrition+##=	32 ct/1v
<input type="checkbox"/> DEA0133 Intro. to Microbiology+##=	16 ct/1v
<input type="checkbox"/> DEA0134 Introductory Pharmacology/Dental Office Emergencies+##=	32 ct/2v
<input type="checkbox"/> DEA0800L Clinical Practice I+##=	48 ct/1.5v
<input type="checkbox"/> DEA0801 Clinical Practice II+##=	58 ct/2v
<input type="checkbox"/> DEA0801L Clinical Practice II Lab+##=	198 ct/6v
<input type="checkbox"/> DEA0850L Clinical Practice III+##=	192 ct/6.5v
<input type="checkbox"/> DEH1400 Oral Pathology+##=	32 ct/2
<input type="checkbox"/> DES0501 Dental Practice Management+##=	32 ct/1v
<input type="checkbox"/> DES0844 Dental Health Education+##=	32 ct/1v
<input type="checkbox"/> DES1000 Dental Anatomy+##	32 ct/2
<input type="checkbox"/> DES1010 Head and Neck Anatomy+##	32 ct/2
<input type="checkbox"/> DES1100C Dental Materials+##	62 ct/3
<input type="checkbox"/> DES1200 Dental Radiology I+##	32 ct/2
<input type="checkbox"/> DES1200L Dental Radiology I Lab+##	45 ct/1
<input type="checkbox"/> DES1201 Dental Radiology II+##	17 ct/1
<input type="checkbox"/> DES1201L Dental Radiology II Lab+##	45 ct/1
<input type="checkbox"/> DES1320 Basic Comm. & Human Relations+##	17 ct/1
<input type="checkbox"/> DES1404 Intro. Anatomy & Physiology+##	32 ct/2
<input type="checkbox"/> DES1832 Expanded Functions+##	17 ct/1
<input type="checkbox"/> DES1832L Expanded Functions Lab+##	45 ct/1

Notes

Developmental Courses

<input type="checkbox"/> ENC0022 Dev. Writing I & II Combined*	3
<input type="checkbox"/> REA0019 Dev. Reading I & II Combined*	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MAT0012 Dev. Arithmetic with Algebra*	3

Key

- + = Prerequisite or co-requisite required
- * = Minimum grade of "C" required
- @ = Course meets Civic Literacy Requirement
- = General Education Core course
- == Career Certificate Course
- ## Applies to A.S. and Certificate Programs