



## Diploma in Dental Assisting

The Dental Assisting accredited diploma program prepares students for employment in a variety of positions in today's dental offices. The Dental Assisting program provides learning opportunities which introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Additionally, the program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills or to retrain in the area of dental assisting. Graduates of the program receive a Dental Assisting diploma, are certified in Radiology and Expanded Duties in Georgia, and are eligible to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB).

Columbus Technical College Diploma in Dental Assisting program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The program has a seven-year accreditation with the next review date scheduled for Fall of 2019.

Columbus Technical College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Associate Degrees, Diploma, and Technical Certificates of Credit. Contact the Commission at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033- 4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Southern Regional Technical Colleges.

Job placement is 95% for graduates seeking employment, gaining employment within six months after graduation. As a graduate of the Dental Assisting accredited program, the student is eligible to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board and take the Certified Dental Assistant exam (CDA).

### Program Outcome

At least 85% of students who enter the program will graduate on time with their class. At least 97% will pass the CDA exam on the first attempt.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Program Pass Rate</u>	<u>CDA Pass Rate</u>
2015	71%	100%
2016	87%	100%
2017	92%	91%
2018	81%	96%

## **Program Admission Requirements (Competitive Admission)**

Applicants must present official documentation of an earned high school diploma or official GED scores to the Admissions Office.

1. Be at least 17 years old.
2. No provisional and/or special admission students considered for the program.
3. Must have minimum Reading (55) and Sentence Skills (60) Accuplacer scores. The scores must be within five (5) years of the semester the student is applying for admission to the program.
4. Complete prerequisite courses by the end of Summer semester (see Dental Assisting program curriculum for required prerequisite courses).
5. Must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 at the end of Spring semester of the year making application.
6. Transfer credits in prerequisite courses in Science cannot be more than seven (7) years old.
7. Submit packet containing the following:
  - Letter of Intent Form

The form can be found at: <https://www.columbustech.edu/academics/forms.cms>

Packets must be completed and submitted to the Administrative Desk in the Wright Health Sciences Building by **March 1st** for Summer semester admission, and no sooner than two weeks prior to due date. All packets must be complete upon submission.

8. Provide current physical exam (medical form)/immunization record and current CPR card after program acceptance.

### **Competitive Admit Information**

- The program accepts 14 students per class, per year.
- Currently, the school considers the applicant's GPA for completed prerequisite courses and Accuplacer scores for competitive admission.
- Entrance is contingent on completion of a background check through Ft. Benning which must be completed after being conditionally accepted into the program

## Program Considerations

- Dental Assisting courses are generally offered from 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Thursday, on any given semester (however the times/days can change for the needs of the program).
- Attending the program is equivalent to working a full-time job.
- Travel is required for clinical rotations (currently, as far as 30 miles each way) for up to 5 days per week depending on the semester. Reliable transportation is a must.
- CDA exam fee (totaling \$450.00, must be paid at the start of the last semester of the program)
- We often assist graduates with employment opportunities as they come available in the area, however, we do not guarantee job placement (Approximately 85-100% of past graduating classes are gainfully employed within the first 6 months post-graduation.)

## Curriculum Outline

All pre-requisite courses and occupational courses must be successfully completed with a grade of C or better.

[ALHS 1011](#) or [DENA 1010](#) is acceptable for program admission.

### General Core Courses (15 credit hours)

SEMN 1000	First Semester Seminar	0
<a href="#">ENGL 1010</a>	Fundamentals of English I	3
<a href="#">PSYC 1010</a>	Basic Psychology	3
<a href="#">ALHS 1040</a>	Introduction to Health Care	3
<a href="#">MATH 1012</a>	Foundations of Mathematics	3
<a href="#">COMP 1000</a>	Introduction to Computer Literacy	3

## Fundamental Occupational Courses (13 or 17 credit hours)

<a href="#">ALHS 1011</a>	Structure and Function of the Human Body	5
<a href="#">DENA 1010</a>	Basic Human Biology	1
<a href="#">DENA 1030</a>	Preventive Dentistry	2
<a href="#">DENA 1050</a>	Microbiology and Infection Control	3
<a href="#">DENA 1070</a>	Oral Pathology and Therapeutics	2
<a href="#">DENA 1080</a>	Dental Anatomy	5

## Specific Occupational Courses (27 credit hours)

<a href="#">DENA 1090</a>	Dental Assisting National Board Examination Preparation	1
<a href="#">DENA 1340</a>	Dental Assisting I: General Chairside	6
<a href="#">DENA 1350</a>	Dental Assisting II: Dental Specialties and EFDA Skills	7
<a href="#">DENA 1390</a>	Dental Radiology	4
<a href="#">DENA 1400</a>	Dental Practice Management	2
<a href="#">DENA 1460</a>	Dental Practicum I	1
<a href="#">DENA 1470</a>	Dental Practicum II	1
<a href="#">DENA 1480</a>	Dental Practicum III	5

[ENGL 1010](#), [ALHS 1040](#), [MATH 1012](#): courses to use for competitive admission ranking

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 55**

# Dental Assisting Supply List

Fall Semester	
3-Set of scrubs in school colors(Famous Brands)	\$81.00
1-White Lab coat	\$18.00
1-Blue Lab coat	\$18.00
1-pair white leather shoes	
Books approx.	\$ 225.00
1-boxes of Gloves (Smart Practice)	
1-Boxes Mask (Smart Practice)	
Immunization-Approx.	\$350.00
2-Safety Glasses (Smart Practice)	
Spring Semester	
1-boxes of Gloves (Smart Practice)	
1-Bur kit (Smart Practice)	\$136.35
Books approx.	\$125.00
Summer Semester	
Books approx.	\$170.00
Fall Semester	
Dental Assisting National Boards	\$450.00
Books approx.	\$60.00