

Dental Assisting Program Roadmap

Use this roadmap to guide your progress and keep you moving toward graduation.

- ☒ **Avoid surprises** – Meet with your advisor each term to monitor your progress and address concerns early.
- ☒ **Review course requirements** – Check course prerequisites, corequisites, and conditions before registering each term to ensure you meet all requirements and stay on track for graduation.
- ☒ **Stay eligible** – Maintain your GPA and complete required courses to remain in good standing.
- ☒ **Graduate on time** – Stay on schedule to avoid delays and excess credit hours that may not be covered by financial aid.

About the Program

Contact/Clock Hours: 1230 hours that must be completed and documented. Students should understand and accept the attendance requirements prior to enrolling in this career certificate program. Prior to enrolling in classes, please meet with an advisor for specific guidance about your individual academic plan.

Application Procedure

This is a Limited/Selective Access program. Applicants who **complete all requirements by the published review deadline** will be considered for admission. Meeting the minimum requirements makes you eligible for consideration but **does not guarantee admission** to the program. See the program webpage for [additional admissions information](#).

To meet the minimum requirements for consideration and acceptance to the Dental Assisting program, students must:

- ☐ Complete a Florida State College at Jacksonville application.
- ☐ Complete a Dental Assisting application.
- ☐ Successful completion of the Background and Drug Screening process upon acceptance into the program.
- ☐ A physical examination will be required upon acceptance into the program.
- ☐ Complete an approved course in healthcare provider-level CPR with first aid prior to the start of class.
- ☐ Submit one of the following:
 - ☐ An official (unopened) High School completion transcript (no diplomas) or college transcript
 - ☐ An official copy of GED® test scores (a copy will be made and the original returned to the applicant). Note: Florida State College at Jacksonville transcripts can be unofficial. Transcripts from outside colleges must be official (unopened).

Note: Admissions preference is given to fully qualified candidates who have met all entrance criteria, and have met the exit adult basic skills requirements or have submitted a waiver.

See the program webpage for [additional admissions information](#).

Review Deadline(s)

Applications are due on July 15 of each year with classes starting in the fall. Admission to this program is limited and is based on academic performance and other criteria. Students are accepted into the program (on a space available basis) until the first day of class. After that, students will need the written approval of the dental assisting instructor.

Minimum Grade Requirement(s)

- ☐ A minimum grade of C or higher must be achieved in all professional coursework.

Stay on Track

Meet the Career Certificate graduation requirements:

- ☐ Fulfill all academic requirements for the chosen program of study as outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
- ☐ Earn the required number of clock hours for the chosen program of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4.0 scale in all courses that apply to the chosen program of study.
- ☐ Complete a minimum of 25 percent of the total clock hours required for the certificate program as a student at Florida State College at Jacksonville.
- ☐ Fulfill all obligations, financial or otherwise, to the College before graduating.
- ☐ Meet or exceed the program's exit requirement(s), if applicable, or meet the criteria to earn a waiver.

More Information Online

Program Webpage: fscj.edu/program?pcode=5649

Program Catalog Page: catalog.fscj.edu/programs/5649

Sample Roadmap

Term 1

Course	Contact Hours	Weeks Per Course
DEA 0020 – Introduction to Clinical Procedures	40	15
DEA 0020L – Introduction to Clinical Procedures Laboratory	80	15
DEA 0130 – Biological Sciences for the Dental Assistant	60	15
DEA 0725 – Introduction to Dental Assisting	90	15
DES 0021 – Head, Neck and Dental Anatomy	60	15
DES 0103 – Dental Materials	30	15
DES 0103L – Dental Materials Laboratory	34	15
DES 0205 – Radiology I	30	15
DES 0205L – Radiology I Laboratory	50	15
DES 0501 – Dental Office Management	32	15

Term 2

Course	Contact Hours	Weeks Per Course
DEA 0029 – Dental Specialties	112	15
DEA 0311 – Preventive Dentistry	32	15
DEA 0834 – Expanded Functions	32	15
DEA 0834L – Expanded Functions Laboratory	88	15
DEA 0850 – Dental Assisting Clinical Practice I	112	15
DES 0053 – Pharmacology and Dental Office Emergencies	32	15
DES 0206 – Radiology II	32	15
DES 0206L – Radiology II Laboratory	32	15

Term 3

Course	Contact Hours	Weeks Per Course
DEA 0851 – Dental Assisting Clinical Practice II	224	7
DEA 0936 – Seminar	27	7