

The Career Certificate (C.C.) in Dental Assisting provides students with dental assisting classes that cover the theoretical, practical and clinical skills necessary to receive an entry-level position in a dental office.

Dental assisting training includes dental basic sciences, dental radiographic techniques, dental materials, sterilization and infection control, chair side assisting, office management, dental specialties and expanded functions.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Task
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete an academic degree plan with your program advisor.
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow up with an advisor about any prior credits that you may have earned (e.g., coursework, military experience, work experience, licensure/certification exams, etc.).
<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfy the career certificate graduation requirements.

Program Accreditation

The Dental Assisting Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements". The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. Additional information about the Commission on Dental Accreditation, including contact information, is available in the College Catalog.

Note: If you are considering employment in a state other than Florida, please visit <https://www.fscj.edu/academics/license-disclose> to determine if this program will meet the selected state's requirements to sit for licensure or certification testing.

Application Procedure

This is a Limited Access program. Students must follow the application procedure outlined in the current College Catalog. The **application deadline** is May 15 of each year with classes starting in the fall.

Advising

(904) 646-2300 or hcic@fscj.edu.

Sample Roadmap

This roadmap provides general guidance about required courses. For specific guidance about your individual academic degree plan, please see an advisor. Also refer to the College Catalog for additional information. **This program is offered for full-time student enrollment.** Most Dental Assisting courses are offered on campus; DEA 0851 is offered off campus.

Term 1

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Contact Hours	Weeks Per Course
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0020: Introduction to Clinical Procedures	40	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0020L: Introduction to Clinical Procedures Laboratory	80	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0130: Biological Sciences for the Dental Assistant	60	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0725: Introduction to Dental Assisting	90	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0021: Head, Neck and Dental Anatomy	60	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0103: Dental Materials	30	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0103L: Dental Materials Laboratory	34	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0205: Radiology I	30	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0205L: Radiology I Laboratory	50	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0501: Dental Office Management	32	15

Term 2

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Contact Hours	Weeks Per Course
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0029: Dental Specialties	112	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0311: Preventive Dentistry	32	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0834: Expanded Functions	32	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0834L: Expanded Functions Laboratory	88	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0850: Dental Assisting Clinical Practice I	112	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0053: Pharmacology and Dental Office Emergencies	32	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0206: Radiology II	32	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	DES 0206L: Radiology II Laboratory	32	15

Term 3

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Contact Hours	Weeks Per Course
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0851: Dental Assisting Clinical Practice II	224	7
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEA 0936: Seminar	28	7

Total Program Hours

Students considering a Career Certificate in **Dental Assisting** should be aware that the program requires **1230 contact/clock hours** that must be completed and documented. Students should also understand and accept the attendance requirements prior to enrolling in this career certificate program. This career certificate program **is eligible** for financial aid.

Career Options

You will attain the knowledge and skills needed for such career options as Dental Assistant, Orthodontic Assistant, and Office Manager. **A Related Career Pathways** includes the following: Dental Hygiene.

Related Industry Certifications

Upon completion of this program, students will be awarded the following certifications or licenses:

- Expanded Functions certificate
- Orthodontic Expanded Functions certificate
- Dental Radiography license

In addition, graduates will be eligible to earn the Certified Dental Assistant credential upon successful completion of the Dental Assisting National Board examinations.

Adult Basic Skills

Adult Basic Skills are a major criterion in students' completion of the program. For additional information, please see an advisor.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this program, students will:

- have current theoretical and scientific knowledge for successful completion of the dental assisting curriculum and for entry-level employment as a dental assistant.
- be familiar with current procedures and guidelines necessary to ensure a safe environment for the dental patient and members of the dental team.
- receive comprehensive preparation necessary to be proficient as an entry-level four-handed chair-side and administrative dental assistant.
- have received laboratory and clinical competency-based instruction for the delegated remedial tasks and dental radiography skills approved by the Florida Board of Dentistry.
- have a thorough understanding of the cause of dental diseases and the appropriate strategies for educating the community in primary and secondary prevention of oral diseases.
- develop appropriate behaviors and interpersonal skills which will promote the dental team concept and foster an understanding of the importance of professional conduct and ethics.
- develop a personal commitment to maintain academic and clinical performance levels demanded by the dental assisting profession through service to the community and life-long learning.