



Dental Assisting II Program Information Session

Dental Assisting II Diploma

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Dental Assisting II Program Mission



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Mission Statement:

The Dental Assisting Department Mission is to provide dental assisting courses that prepare graduates to assist the dentist in a variety of dental procedures, including; selective oral health services, administrative management procedures, assess and manage emergency procedures, and develop basic communication skills necessary for effective interaction with patients, staff members, and professional colleagues by creating a learning environment where students can demonstrate professional and ethical behaviors necessary for functioning in a modern dental practice and encourage further growth and lifelong learners.

- **ACC Dental Department**



Dental Assisting Goals



1. Provide the learning content and experiences and supportive environment that will enable students to Gain the knowledge and ability to:

- a. Student will develop the essential skills to assist the dentist in a variety of dental procedures
- b. Students will perform expanded function procedures delegated to a Dental Assistant II in the state of North Carolina.
- c. Students will demonstrate the ability to complete laboratory procedures delegated to a Dental Assistant II in the state of North Carolina.
- d. Students will provide basic oral health instructions while utilizing diagnostic aids bases on the patients' individual needs.
- e. Students will demonstrate and apply knowledge of basic oral facial anatomy.
- f. Students will demonstrate knowledge of basic radiation safety related to personal and patient protection.
- g. Students will expose, process, and evaluate radiographic for a prescribed procedures meeting all Federal and State criteria.
- h. Students will demonstrate the ability to assess and initiate emergency care.
- i. Students will demonstrate the ability to perform basic operations of the business office in a dental practice
- j. Students will demonstrate OSHA and CDC compliant infection control methods to properly maintain the asepsis chain.
- k. Students will demonstrate ethical and professional behavior throughout the program maintaining HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) compliance.



Dental Assisting Goals



2. Maintain program accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association for quality assurance.
3. Encourage life-long learning and professional development through certification by Dental Assisting National Board.
4. Maintain partnerships with the local dental community fostered by giving and receiving assistance in job placement, continuing education, community service, consultation, and by providing qualified Dental Assistant II's.

Program Options at ACC

Dental Assisting II Diploma

- ❑ **ACC Day option begins every Fall semester – 3 semesters**

Classes 8:00am – 3:30pm,

Monday – Thursday; Friday 8:30am – 1:30pm

- 28 Students submitted each fall

- ❑ **ACC Evening option begins every Fall semester – 5 semesters**

Class begins at 5:30pm - 2 nights weekly

*Class time frame varies 2 to 4 hours (contingent on the lab length)

- 12 Students admitted each fall

Program Options at ACC

UNC ACC Day option begins every Spring - 3 semesters

Classes 8:30am – 2:30pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays,
Monday Wednesday and Friday – Online class live, 8:00am – 12:00pm

20 Students admitted each Spring

*Students admitted to the UNC option are subject to the same admissions and progression criteria as all dental assisting cohort students. This one-year diploma program will begin in January and finish in December. Courses for this cohort will be taught on the UNC Adams School of Dentistry campus.



Is Dental Assisting for me?

Self Reflection

Evaluate your
academic and
communication skills

What is your “why”?

Job shadow a Dental
Assistant
Ask questions

Time Commitment is
1.5 to 2 years

Dental Assisting II Program Description

The Dental Assisting Curriculum prepares individuals to assist the dentist in delivering dental treatment and to function as integral members of the dental team while performing chairside and related office and laboratory procedures.

Course work includes instruction in:

- general studies
- biomedical sciences
- dental sciences
- clinical sciences
- clinical practice.

A combination of lecture, laboratory, and clinical experiences provide students with detailed knowledge in infection/hazard control, radiography, dental materials, preventive dentistry, and clinical procedures.

Dental Assisting II Program Description

Some of the many expanded functions a DA II can legally perform are:

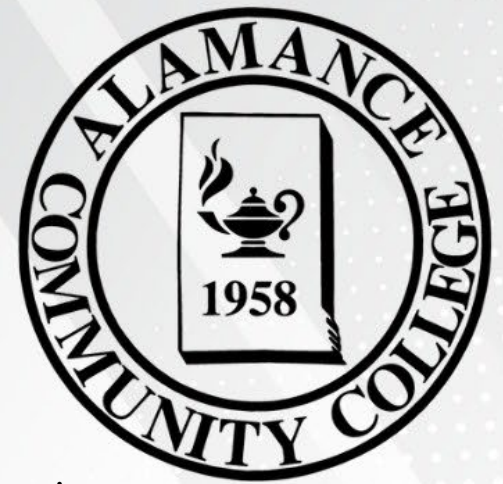
- ✓ apply sealants
- ✓ insert matrix bands and wedges
- ✓ place cavity bases and liners
- ✓ place and/or remove rubber dams
- ✓ place and remove temporary restorations
- ✓ take wax bites
- ✓ remove sutures
- ✓ expose radiographs
- ✓ perform coronal polish

Upon graduation, graduates will be classified as a **Dental Assistant II (DAII)**, as defined by **Dental Laws of North Carolina**

Graduates may be eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board exam to become a Certified Dental Assistant, CDA



Dental Assistant Vs Dental Hygienist



Dental Assistants perform a wide range of dental and administrative patient care duties.

- Assists with a variety of dental functions
- Perform NC expanded functions
- Preparing & sterilizing dental instruments
- Processing x-rays and laboratory tasks
- Educating patients on healthy oral hygiene practices
- Scheduling follow-up appointments
- Processing billing and payment requests

Dental Hygienists responsibilities include cleaning teeth, examining patients for oral disease, and educating patients on preventive dental care practices.

- Taking x-rays of patients mouths to check for problems with teeth or jaw alignment
- Removing tartar, stains and plaque from patients' teeth and applying fluoride treatment.
- Completing oral health assessments
- Taking notes regarding patient care and treatment plans
- Educating patients on brushing and flossing properly for optimum dental health

Limited Enrollment

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Although we would love to accept everyone into our Dental Assisting II programs, space is limited. Dental Assisting is limited enrollment, which means students must apply for the program. There are specific admission criteria, a separate admission application, and ranking processes that determine who will be admitted to the program.

– Joanna Roberts, Dental Assisting II Department Head



Points for Dental Assisting Ranking

General Education Requirements

- ENG 111 – Writing and Inquiry
- PSY 150 – General Psychology
- BIO 163 – Basic Anatomy & Physiology **OR**
- BIO 168 & 169 – Anatomy & Physiology I and II

Grades of A's and B's receive the most points.

A minimum grade of "C" is required for all general education courses.

Professional Technical Standards

Essential Functions & Technical Standards reflect reasonable expectations of a student on the Dental Assisting Program for the performance of common dental assisting functions. In adopting these standards the DA program is mindful of the patient's right to safe and quality dental care by students.

- ✓ **Critical Thinking/Problem Solving**
 - ✓ **Interpersonal Skills**
 - ✓ **Coping Skills**
- ✓ **Communication Skills**
- ✓ **Mobility/Motor Skills**
 - ✓ **Hearing Skills**
 - ✓ **Visual Skills**
 - ✓ **Tactile Skills**
- ✓ **Behavioral/Emotional**

IMPORTANT NOTE TO APPLICANTS: *Infection control guidelines for the Dental Assisting program have been developed to protect the student and the patient from disease transmission and are articulated in specific program courses. Students will have the knowledge and skill to deliver patient care safely through classroom instruction and laboratory experiences. A student in the dental assisting program is at an increased risk for exposure to a variety of diseases including Hepatitis C, HIV/AIDS, and tuberculosis. Because of these risks, students are expected to follow all infection/hazard control guidelines that have been established within the program and other infection control agencies.*

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Part 1

- ✓ Submit ACC application for admission - www.alamancecc.edu (Early application is important for Limited Enrollment programs as seats are limited)
- ✓ Complete NC Residency Verification
- ✓ Submit high school and post secondary transcripts
- ✓ Apply for Financial Aid - www.fafsa.gov
- ✓ Activate your ACCess student email account
- ✓ Attend or complete required Pre-Dental Information Session
- ✓ Make an appointment with your Health Sciences Advisor team

Note: It is YOUR responsibility to ensure that ACC's Admissions Office has received all of the above required documents



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS PART 2

Submitted transcripts will be reviewed and evaluated for transfer consideration.

- ✓ College courses must be a C or better for transfer
- ✓ AP credit can be also be evaluated for ENG 111 and PSY 150
(Must submit scores from College Board)





Application Submission

- ✓ Attended or completed Pre-Dental Information Session
- ✓ Maintained a 2.0 GPA or better
- ✓ Passed all General Education required courses with a grade of C or better
- ✓ Completed online Dental Assisting II Information Session & Survey

Next step: Complete and submit Dental Assisting II Application

Dental Assisting II Application Due Dates

April 4th – Alamance Community College Day and Evening programs, Fall start

October 20th – University of North Carolina-Alamance Community College Day program, Spring start



Contact Information

More Dental Assisting Information

<https://www.alamancecc.edu/health-and-public-services-site/dental-assisting/>

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