

DENTAL ASSISTANT

The Dental Assistant program has special registration requirements. Please see page 10 for more information or contact the department.

Program Description

This program prepares individuals to provide patient care, take dental radiographs (x-ray), prepare patients and equipment for dental procedures, as well as discharge office administrative functions under the supervision of dentists and dental hygienists. This includes instruction in dental record-keeping, general office duties, reception and patient intake, scheduling, equipment maintenance and sterilization, dental radiography, pre and post-operative patient care and instruction, chair-side assisting, taking tooth and mouth impressions, and supervised practice.

Campus
MOV, MDEC

Award Type
AS, S

Career Opportunities
• Dental Assistant

Wages

	Annual	Hourly
Dental Assistant	\$32,475	\$16.91

Contact Information

March Dental Education Center – (951) 571-6431

DENTAL ASSISTANT Certificate Program

AS621/CE621

Required Courses (42 Units) Units

Summer:

DEA-10	Introduction to Dental Assisting and Chairside assisting	4
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Fall:

DEA-20	Infection Control for Dental Assistants	2
DEA-21	Introduction to Radiology for Dental Assistants	2
DEA-22	Introduction to Supervised Externships	1.5
DEA-23	Introduction to Dental Sciences	3
DEA-24	Dental Materials for the Dental Assistant	2
ENG-50	Or Higher +	4
Mat-64	Or Higher +	3

Winter:

DEA-30	Intermediate Chairside Dental Assisting	2
DEA-31	Radiology for Dental Assistants	1.5
DEA-32	Intermediate Supervised Externships	1

Spring:

DEA-40A	Advanced Chairside Surgical Dental Assistant*	4
DEA-40B	Advanced Chairside Orthodontic Dental Assistant*	3.5
DEA-40C	Advanced Chairside Restorative Dental Assistant*	4.5
DEA-41	Dental Office Procedures	4

+ These courses may be taken prior to entrance into the Dental Assistant Program or the equivalent can be met through testing.

*Students must take a minimum of DEA-40C and either DEA-40A or DEA-40B to complete the certificate program.

Associate in Science Degree

The Associate in Science Degree in Dental Assisting will be awarded upon completion of the requirements for the certificate, plus completion of the graduation requirements as described in the catalog, as well as electives totaling 60 units of college work as required for the associate degree.

