

About the Program

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.

This 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 program **is eligible** for financial aid.

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.

Program Requirements

This is a Limited Access Program.

Students must follow the program **application procedure** and fulfill all requirements outlined in the college catalog. The **application deadline** is July 15 of each year with classes starting in the fall term.

Important for You to Know

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

This academic roadmap does not include career certificate graduation requirements.

This program is offered for full-time enrollment.

A Related Career Pathways includes is the A.S. in 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.

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 educational requirements to sit for licensure or certification testing.

Additional Information

- ⇒ **Program Information**, including advisor contact details: <https://www.fscj.edu/5649>.
- ⇒ **Career certificate information**, including graduation requirements: <https://catalog.fscj.edu/academics/degree-certificate-programs/career-certificate-programs>.
- ⇒ **Program Requirements:** <https://catalog.fscj.edu/programs/5649>.

Sample Roadmap

This sample roadmap shows one possible pathway to program completion and may not be appropriate for all students.

Prior to enrolling in classes, students are strongly encouraged to **meet with an advisor** to develop an individual academic plan.

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	28	7