



2016 – 2017
Career Technical Programs

Health Professions Division
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Dental Assisting

One-Year Certificate of Completion

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Purpose Prepares graduates for employment in the dental field with emphasis on current concepts and hands-on skills for clinical chair-side assisting. Included classes also offer some cross-training and pathways to dental receptionist-bookkeeper.

Learning Outcomes Upon completion of the Dental Assisting program, all graduates will be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge and ability to write/edit multiple types of professional communications
- demonstrate knowledge and skill required to accurately expose, develop and mount diagnostic radiographs using multiple systems
- demonstrate knowledge and skills needed to compute mixing amounts and calculate formulas utilized in dental procedures
- demonstrate knowledge and skills required for business office procedures
- demonstrate knowledge and skills required to access information via dental journals and web sites
- demonstrate knowledge and skills required to systematically collect diagnostic data
- demonstrate knowledge and skills needed to maintain a professional working environment
- demonstrate knowledge and skills required to provide an aseptic environment and prevent disease transmission
- demonstrate application of principles of ethical reasoning, decision making and professional responsibility
- demonstrate interpersonal communication and collaborative skills to effectively interact with diverse population groups, health care providers, dental professionals and community groups
- demonstrate knowledge and skills required to perform or assist with a variety of clinical treatments used in all areas of dentistry

Accreditation Dental Assisting, American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation, a specialized accrediting board recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Education. The Commission may be contacted at 800.621.8099 or 312.440.4653 or 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Licensing or Other Certification Students complete three National Board examinations each year administered by the Dental Assisting National Board, and are also eligible to receive all state required credentials, by submitting one clinical board and successfully completing the program.

Admission Information Contact the Health Professions Division or see lanecc.edu/hp/dental/dental-assisting

Dental Assisting is a concentrated program that requires good reading and study skills. Dexterity for manipulation of small items and good eye-sight are also required. Evidence of a physical examination (within the previous nine months), immunizations, eye exam, drug screen and background check must be submitted prior to the start of the program.

This program and profession includes possible exposure to blood borne pathogens and infectious diseases. Training is included to minimize risk to students and patients.

Advising & Counseling For assistance with meeting application or program requirements, contact Counseling and Advising in Building 1 Room 103 or E-mail DAProgram@lanecc.edu with your specific questions. An online Academic Advising resource can be found by going to lanecc.edu. Choose the "Moodle" link and in search courses type in the program name (e.g. Dental Assisting). Select "Academic Advising Resources for Dental Assisting."

Cooperative Education (Co-op) Co-op is a required class for students enrolled in the Dental Assisting Program. Through Co-op, students spend approximately 24 hours a week during spring term working in a minimum of two different professional dental offices. Co-op field experience offers students the opportunity to gain skills, connect theory and practice, and make contacts for job openings. The required co-op seminar provides instruction on skills and documents needed to find employment.

Job Openings Projected through 2020

Lane County: 13

Statewide: 142

Openings are estimated to increase by 25%.

Wages

Lane County hourly average \$19.63; annual average \$40,824

Oregon hourly average \$19.67; annual average \$40,923

Costs (Estimates based on 2015-16 data for full-time students. Students attending part-time will incur additional term fees.)

Books	\$600
Certification, Licensure, Exams, Physicals.....	\$4,317
Differential Fees*	\$1,008
Program Specific Fees.....	\$979
Resident Tuition and General Student Fees.....	\$5,296
Uniforms.....	\$375

Total Estimated Cost \$12,575

*This is the total of all the differential fees attached to the courses in this program. These fees and other course fees may change during the year. See the online credit class schedule for fees assigned to courses.

Gainful Employment Disclosure

Standard Occupational Classification: 31-9091.00

Go to the Department of Labor's O*Net website for a profile of this occupation: Dental Assistants

onetonline.org/link/summary/31-9091.00

Or check on these O*Net Related Occupations:

Surgical Technologists

onetonline.org/link/summary/29-2055.00

In academic year 2014-15, 23 students completed the Dental Assisting 1-year certificate.

The program is designed to take 4 terms, or about 15 months of study to complete.

Of students who completed this certificate in the 2014-15 academic year, 9% completed on time.

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Note: The federally required method for calculating this rate assumes students will declare their completion program major immediately, enroll full-time each term, and remain enrolled at Lane continuously until they complete their program. In reality, many community college students attend part-time, explore several majors, stop out for a term or more, change majors, and brush-up on their academic skills to be better prepared for college level courses, all of which affect this narrowly defined on-time graduation rate.

The median loan debt incurred by students who completed the program in 2014-15 = \$14,822.

Explanation of costs: lanecc.edu/esfs/credit-fees-and-expenses

Course Requirements

1. All DA courses must be passed with a class average of 75% or higher to remain in the program. (Courses with both a didactic and laboratory/clinical component must have a minimum grade of 75% in BOTH components to qualify as passing.)
2. Human Relations prerequisites may be selected from the list below.
3. HO 150 and 152 are offered Online. Anatomy and Physiology courses (combination of BI 231,232 and 233) can be substituted for the HO 150/152 combo.
4. Some courses have prerequisites. See course descriptions.
5. All pre-req courses must be taken for a letter grade and passed with a 'C' or higher (C- not accepted).
6. For DA courses, students must be accepted and enrolled in the Dental Assisting program*

*The employed dental assistant may be eligible to register for any DA course offered if space permits AND the working assistant meets state credentialing qualifications by contacting the Program Coordinator, Leslie Greer 541.463.5638
7. Prior to the start of the program, all applicants must complete the following minimum courses with a letter grade of C or better. (While these courses do not need to be completed prior to applying, transcribed grades are utilized to determine points and will make the application more competitive). Other specialized program requirements will be described in acceptance materials.

Prerequisites

MTH 052 Math for Introductory Physical Science.....	4
Choice of:	4
WR 121 Introduction to Academic Writing	
WR 121_H Introduction to Academic Writing-Honors	
Choice of:	3-4
CIS 101 Computer Fundamentals	
CS 120 Concepts of Computing:	
Information Processing	
Human Relations Courses accepted for the DA program requirement (the courses below focus skills needed to be successful in small group communications).	
Choose one course from the list below:	3-4
CG 144 Introduction to Assertive Behavior	
CG 203 Human Relations at Work	
COMM 219 Small Group Communications	
COMM 218 Interpersonal Communication	
SOC 204 Introduction to Sociology	
SOC 206 Institutions and Social Change	
SOC 210 Marriage, Family and Intimate Relations	
HO 100 Medical Terminology 1	3
HO 150 Human Body Systems 1 **	
HO 152 Human Body Systems 2 **	
** Anatomy & Physiology courses (combination of BI 231, 232 & 233) can be substituted for the	
HO 150/152 combo	6
HO 110 Health Office Procedures.....	3

NOTE Pre-requisite changes for the 2017-2018 Dental Assisting Program: The following pre-requisites will no longer be required but will be accepted for additional application points if passed with a "C" or better:

HO 110 Health Office Procedures
 BI 233 Anatomy and Physiology 3 (a combination of BI 231 and BI 232 will substitute for the HO 150/152 combo)
 All pre-requisites except the HR requirement can be applied to the Basic Healthcare Pathway Certificate.

	Fall
DA 107 Dental Health Education 1	1
DA 115 Dental Anatomy.....	3
DA 192 Dental Materials.....	3
DA 195 Chairside Procedures 1	6
DA 210 Dental Radiology	4
	Winter
DA 108 Dental Health Education 2.....	3
DA 193 Dental Materials 2.....	3
DA 194 Dental Office Procedures.....	3
DA 196 Chairside Procedures 2	7
DA 211 Dental Radiology 2.....	3
	Spring
DA 102 Advanced Clinical Experiences	3
DA 103 Dentistry Law and Ethics.....	2
DA 206 Co-op Ed: Dental Assisting Seminar	1
DA 280 Cooperative Education: Dental Assisting	6