

# DENTAL ASSISTING (LEVELS I AND II)

**Program:** DNAS

**Credential:** Ontario College Certificate

**Delivery:** Full-time

**Work Integrated Learning:** 1 Field Placement

**Length:** 3 Semesters

**Duration:** 1 Year

**Effective:** Fall 2018, Winter 2019

**Location:** Barrie

## Description

The Dental Assisting program will prepare a student to assume a position as a dental assistant, capable of working interdependently and collaboratively with health professionals in a variety of practice settings. Corresponding with the level of study and in accordance with current legislation, the graduate of this program will perform a variety of roles including clinical, education, health promotion, business administration and laboratory assistant consistent with national standards.

The graduate of this program will be eligible to write the National Dental Assistants Board Exam (NDAEB). The graduate is eligible for certification by the Ontario Dental Assistants Association (ODAA). To be certified by the Canadian Dental Assistants Association (CDAA) the graduate must have successfully completed the NDAEB. This allows the graduate to practice as a Level II Dental Assistant.

## Career Opportunities

The graduate of this program is qualified to assume a position as a dental assistant in a dental practice, a dental hygiene practice, a community oral health clinic or a public health unit.

## Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. interact with others in groups and teams;
2. use critical thinking skills to evaluate and solve problems;
3. communicate confidently in a variety of situations;
4. adapt to change, recognize the need to maintain and renew knowledge and skills, and effectively meet societal challenges arising in community, family and working life situations;
5. maintain client and personal safety in the practice environment;
6. contribute to the development of a comprehensive client profile by using a variety of data collection methods, in collaboration with the client and other health professionals, and in compliance with privacy legislation;
7. contribute to the development of a comprehensive plan for oral health services and programs in collaboration with the client and other health professionals;
8. provide oral health services and programs as identified in the comprehensive plan and as permitted within the scope of practice;
9. contribute to the evaluation and reporting of appropriate aspects of the oral health services and programs by using a variety of sources including the client profile;

10. act in a professional and competent manner;
11. maintain client records and manage office procedures in compliance with relevant legislation and regulations;
12. recognize and stress the importance of utilizing environmentally friendly products and supplies within the work environment.

## External Recognition

The Dental Assisting Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada.

## The Program Progression

### Fall Intake

- **Sem 1:** Fall 2018
- **Sem 2:** Winter 2019
- **Sem 3:** Summer 2019

### Winter Intake

- **Sem 1:** Winter 2019
- **Sem 2:** Summer 2019
- **Sem 3:** Fall 2019

## Admission Requirements

OSSD or equivalent with

- Grade 12 English (C or U)
- Grade 11 Chemistry (U) or Grade 12 Chemistry (C or U)
- Grade 11 or 12 Biology (C or U)

Mature students, non-secondary school applicants (19 years or older), and home school applicants may also be considered for admission. Eligibility may be met by applicants who have taken equivalent courses, upgrading, completed their GED, and equivalency testing. For complete details refer to: [www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/policies-procedures/](http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/policies-procedures/) (<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/policies-procedures/>)

Applicants who have taken courses from a recognized and accredited post-secondary institution and/or have relevant life/learning experience may also be considered for admission; refer to the Credit Transfer Centre website for details: [www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/](http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/) (<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/>)

## Criminal Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check

Placement agencies require an up-to-date clear criminal reference check and vulnerable sector check prior to going out on placement. Students should obtain their criminal reference three months prior to placement; checks conducted earlier may not be considered current. As some jurisdictions require longer lead-time for processing, please check with the program coordinator to ensure you allow for sufficient turn-around time. It is the student's responsibility to provide the completed document prior to placement start.

NOTE: Individuals who have been charged or convicted criminally and not pardoned will be prohibited from proceeding to a clinical or work placement.

## Additional Information

Applicants are advised that for the program's clinical requirements and future employment situations, they must have good vision (with or without corrective lenses), be able to sit and stand for prolonged periods and mix various materials using repetitive wrist motions.

In addition to these requirements, applicants must also provide proof of a current First Aid and C.P.R. Level 'HCP' certification, prior to the commencement of preclinical courses in Semester 1. Annual CPR re-certification is mandatory.

## Graduation Requirements

- 12 Program Courses
- 1 Communications Course
- 1 General Education Course
- 1 Field Placement

## Graduation Eligibility

To graduate from this program, the passing weighted average for promotion through each semester, and to graduate is 60%. Additionally, a student must attain a minimum of 50% or a letter grade of P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) in each course in each semester unless otherwise stated on the course outline.

## Program Tracking

Semester 1		Hours
Program Courses		
BIOL 1014	The Essential Body	42
DENT 1026	Clinical Support Procedures	42
DENT 1027	Orofacial Anatomy	42
DENT 1041	Clinical Assisting - Operative Theory and Lab - Restorative	84
DENT 1042	Dental Radiography	42
Communications Course		
Select 1 course from the communications list during registration.		42
Hours		294
Semester 2		
Program Courses		
DENT 1029	Dental Health Education	42
DENT 1030	Applied Sciences in Dental Assisting	42
DENT 1033	Clinical Assisting - Restorative and Specialties	42
DENT 1043	Intraoral Preventive Procedures and Practicum	168
General Education Course		
Select 1 course from the general education course during registration.		42
Hours		336
Semester 3		
Program Courses		
DENT 1028	Dental Office Management	42
DENT 1034	Clinical Consolidation	96
DENT 1036	Community Oral Health	42
Field Placement		
DENT 1035	Field Placement - Dental Assistant	150
Hours		330
Total Hours		960

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