



**DENTAL ASSISTING*
Certificate Program**

Career Curriculum DNA 0039
Certificate Program
Minimum Hrs. 39
Major Code: 1.2 510601J

FALL SEMESTER

Dept. No.		Hrs.	Gr.
DNA 100	Oral & Dental Anatomy	2	___
DNA 102	Dental Assisting Procedures I	4	___
DNA 104	Dental Radiography I	3	___
DNA 107	Dental Materials	3	___
DNA 108	Head and Neck Anatomy	2	___
DNA 110	Infection Control	1	___
DNA 113	Oral Embryology and Histology	2	___
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SUMMER SEMESTER

Dept. No.		Hrs.	Gr.
PSY 132	General Psychology ¹	3	___
SPE 115	Speech ¹ OR	3	___
	SPE 116 ¹ Interpersonal Communication	6	___

SPRING SEMESTER

Dept. No.		Hrs.	Gr.
DNA 101	Dental Emergencies and Pathology	2	___
DNA 103	Dental Assisting Procedures II	2	___
DNA 105	Dental Radiography II	2	___
DNA 106	Preventive Dental Health Education	3	___
DNA 109	Dental Office Procedures	2	___
DNA 112	Dental Assisting Externship	5	___
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* Students must maintain a grade of "C" or higher in all courses.

¹ All required general education classes must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

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Please verify with your academic advisor the accuracy and time lines of this document.*

Effective Date: Fall 2010

Additional Information:

The Dental Assisting Program prepares students to become highly competent individuals possessing the skills and knowledge necessary for performing the many tasks required to provide quality dental care. As a member of the dental health team, the dental assistant is responsible for providing such services as assisting the dentist with operative and surgical procedures, manipulating of dental materials, taking radiographs, providing oral health instructions, and performing office management skills. Classroom theory, laboratory practice, and clinical training on campus and in the dental office are included in this certificate program.

Graduates will be eligible to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board Exam, and successful candidates may use the title "Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)." Certification is highly recommended and mandatory in some states. This certificate program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education. The Southern Illinois Dental Society endorses the John A. Logan College Dental Assisting Program.

Entrance exams will be given with the ranking of raw scores and weighting of the two general education classes (SPE 115 or SPE 116 and PSY 132). Selection and registration will be completed in late April. A final entrance exam will be given in early July for any unfilled slots.

Career Opportunities: To obtain employment in a private dental office or state facility. Duties include working directly with dentist, laboratory duties and office experiences. Dental assistants must be reliable, work well with others and have good manual dexterity. This occupation is projected to grow in the next few years.