

Admission Requirements

1. Graduate from an approved high school, or demonstrate equivalent competency (G.E.D. examination).
2. Complete general admission procedures for John A. Logan College.
3. File the following DNA application information with the Assessment Office at the College.
 - Completed DNA application form
 - Health Occupation Aptitude Examination results
 - Official transcripts of previous college experience
4. Achieve competitive level on a composite selection score for the College. The 30 top-scoring applicants are awarded admission. This score is based upon the Health Occupation Aptitude Examination—Revised results and weighted grades for previous college coursework taken within, or transferring to, the Dental Assisting Program required curriculum.
5. Complete a successful physical and dental examination and the required vaccinations and immunization series.

Financial Aid

The applicant should contact the Financial Aid Office to obtain specific financial aid information.

Tuition and fees

For further information, consult the College Catalog and application packet. Within this program students will be responsible for:

1. Admission Examination Fees
2. Tuition
3. Program Fees
4. Books
5. Immunization/Tests/Physical/Dental Exam
6. Lab Uniforms
7. Costs for CPR Certification

For application packets concerning the Dental Assisting Program, contact:

Assessment Office
John A. Logan College
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Carterville, Illinois 62918
618-985-2828, Ext. 8497

For Further program Information, contact

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Dental Assisting



John A. Logan College
Carterville, Illinois

Dental Assisting

The Dental Assisting program is a one-year certificate program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, which is recognized by the Council on post-Secondary Accreditation and the United States Department of Education. The program combines classroom instruction, clinical training, and laboratory experience to teach the necessary skills to be a successful certified dental assistant. See College Catalog for details.

Classroom and laboratory instruction are held on campus. Externship experiences are provided by area dental offices. For this reason, each student must be able to provide his or her own transportation to and from the various clinical sites.

Those completing the program will receive a certificate of achievement and will be eligible to sit for the certification examination given by the Dental Assisting National Board. Successful candidates may use the title Certified Dental Assistant (CDA).

Accreditation

The program has Accreditation status from the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Graduates are eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board Examination, the examination for dental assisting certification.

Desired Qualities of an Applicant to the Dental Assisting Program

While in high school, students should be advised to take classes in biology, chemistry, health, business, and secretarial classes. A warm, friendly personality is desirable because of the close contact between the dental assistant and the patient. The dental assistant must know the rules of professional ethics and conduct and exhibit professional poise. Good physical and mental health as well as personal cleanliness are requirements in the dental profession. Persons interested in dental assisting should develop skillful use of their hands and fingers; possess good eye-hand coordination; and be able to work in a limited space.

The Role of a Certified Dental Assistant

The educationally qualified dental assistant is a highly competent individual possessing skills and knowledge to perform the many tasks required to provide quality dental care. The dental assistant is an important member of the dental health team and lends an air of professional dignity. The assistant may work as a generalist, serving in all areas of the dental practice, or may perform the more specialized duties of the chairside assistant, or office manager.

The chairside assistant performs most of the delegated responsibilities at the dental chair. Tasks assigned to the chairside assistant include the following: preparation of the treatment room, seating and dismissing patients, and assisting with operative and surgical procedures, such as oral evacuation, preparation of dental materials, sterilization procedures, and tray set-ups. Other responsibilities include exposing, processing and mounting radiographs, providing oral health instruction, and dispensing dietary and nutritional counseling.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Fall Semester	Credits
DNA 100 Oral and 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 (on line)	1
<u>DNA 113 Oral Histology and Embryology</u>	<u>2</u>
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Spring Semester	Credits
DNA 101 Dental Emergencies and Pathology	2
DNA 103 Dental Assisting Procedures II	2
DNA 105 Dental Radiography II	2
DNA 106 Preventative Dental Health Education	3
DNA 109 Dental Office Procedures	2
<u>DNA 112 Dental Assisting Externship</u>	<u>5</u>
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Summer Semester	Credits
PSY 132 General Psychology	3
<u>SPE 116 Interpersonal Communications</u>	<u>3</u>
	6

Maintain a grade of "C" or better in dental assisting courses (defined as courses with a DNA prefix).