



John A. Logan College

# Certificate

## Toward a Degree in

# Dental Assisting\*

Career Curriculum DNA0039  
Minimum Hours: 40  
Major Code: 1.2 510601  
Effective Date: Fall 2019

### FALL SEMESTER

Dept.	No.		Hrs.	Grade
ORI	100	College 101	1	_____
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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### NOTES AND INFORMATION

**\* Students must maintain a grade of "C" or higher in all courses.**

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

<sup>2</sup> Transfer Information: Students planning to transfer to Lewis & Clark Community College's Dental Hygiene Program should take SPE 115.

Lewis & Clark Community College and Parkland Colleges will accept and articulate John A. Logan College's Dental Assisting courses when students enter their Dental Hygiene program. The student should contact these institutions directly to initiate the process upon application.

### SPRING SEMESTER

Dept.	No.		Hrs.	Grade
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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This is a Gainful Employment Certificate Program of 16 credit hours or more that prepares the student for gainful employment in a recognized occupation. For detailed information regarding program length, cost, average loan debt and completion details, select the following link to the Gainful Employment Worksheet for this program.

[https://www.jalc.edu/files/uploads/global/consumer\\_information/pdfs/gainful\\_employment/dental\\_assisting.pdf](https://www.jalc.edu/files/uploads/global/consumer_information/pdfs/gainful_employment/dental_assisting.pdf) You can also access this information by typing the following URL into your browser's address bar:  
[http://www.jalc.edu/gainful\\_employment/dental\\_assisting/Gedt.html](http://www.jalc.edu/gainful_employment/dental_assisting/Gedt.html)

#### 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 will be completed in late April.

**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.

#### The Dental Assisting Program is accredited by: Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)

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**Career Opportunities:** Practice in a private dental office, cleaning teeth, exposing x-rays, providing dental care instructions, and maintaining patient records.

### SUMMER SEMESTER

Dept.	No.		Hrs.	Grade
PSY	132	General Psychology <sup>1</sup>	3	_____
COM	115	Speech <sup>2</sup> OR	3	_____
		COM 116 Interpersonal Communication	6	_____