

About This Program

Dental assistants perform a wide range of duties in dental care facilities from patient care to office tasks and laboratory procedures¹. Students become skillful at taking X-rays and impressions, as well as performing coronal polishing and assisting with an array of dental procedures. In addition to the College's standard admission requirements, candidates to the Dental Assisting Science Emphasis program must have earned a dental assisting certificate from an approved accredited institution. An official transcript from an approved accredited institution must be submitted evidencing the earned certificate at the time of enrollment.

Careers in Dental Assisting²

It takes a lot of different people to keep a dental office running smoothly. Dental Assistants are among the most crucial; their work ranges from patient care to office tasks and laboratory procedures. Their career path can lead to employment in a variety of health care environments such as:

- Dental offices
- Physician's offices
- Government

Knowledge and Skills

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

- Complete all dental assisting duties competently for a broad scope of dental specialties in a professional setting.
- Utilize infection control and safe practice techniques in a variety of clinical settings.
- Establish optimum Radiation Health and Safety practices to ensure high quality diagnostic images.

General Education Coursework

Students in the Science Emphasis program complete general education coursework online and on campus.

Carrington's academic catalog, available at carrington.edu/catalog, provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.

The program
culminates in an
Associate of
Science Degree.



¹Individuals seeking to enter this career field may be subject to screenings such as, but not limited to, criminal background checks and drug/alcohol testing prior to externship, to attain occupational licensure/certification or employment, and throughout their careers.

²Source: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-assistants.htm#tab-3>

DENTAL ASSISTING - SCIENCE EMPHASIS



Campus Based: Sacramento and San Jose

Dental Assisting Science Emphasis Program Requirements

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES		LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	EXTERN HOURS	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
BIO14 ¹	Microbiology with Lab	45	30	0	4
BIO25 ¹	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 with Lab	45	30	0	4
BIO26 ¹	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 with Lab	45	30	0	4
CHEM6 ¹	Inorganic Chemistry with Lab	45	30	0	4
CHEM8.1 ¹	Organic and Biological Chemistry with Lab	45	30	0	4
ENG101 ³	English Writing and Composition	45	0	0	3
MAT101 ³	Principles of Mathematics	45	0	0	3
MAT151 ³	College Algebra	45	0	0	3
MAT201 ³	Intermediate College Algebra	45	0	0	3
NUT200 ³	Principles of Nutrition	45	0	0	3
PSY101 ³	Introduction to Psychology	45	0	0	3
SPH205 ³	Interpersonal Communication	45	0	0	3
SOC101 ³	Introduction to Sociology	45	0	0	3
CLT100 ³	Computer Literacy	45	0	0	3
TOTAL FOR DEGREE COMPLETION WORK		630	150	0	47
TOTAL FROM CERTIFICATE		330	300	180	36 ²
TOTAL FOR DEGREE ⁴		960	450	180	83

Approximate time to complete degree completion coursework: 64 weeks (not including breaks); Combined certificate and degree completion option length: 100 weeks (not including breaks)

¹Science-based general education course

²Completion of an approved certificate may range in credit. It will be transferred as block credit to the program to meet the minimum requirements for completing an Associate Degree.

Students must complete at least 25% of the program requirements at Carrington College.

³Online general education course

⁴This curriculum fulfills course prerequisites for application to Carrington College's Dental Hygiene program.

Accreditation and Disclosures

Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), 428 J Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814, (415) 506-0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at accjc.org.

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation and approvals, visit carrington.edu/accreditation. Visit carrington.edu/sci for important information on program outcomes.

Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. For the most updated information, visit carrington.edu.