

About This Program

Carrington College's Dental Assisting (Science Emphasis) Associate Degree program offers a curriculum that combines science based courses with general education curriculum. The program is designed for Dental Assistants looking to advance their medical careers. Completion of courses within the program extends the range of learning while fulfilling the course prerequisites for application to the Dental Hygiene program.¹

To be eligible for entrance into the Dental Assisting (Science Emphasis) Associate Degree program, applicants must have earned a Dental Assisting certificate from an approved accredited institution.

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 (Science Emphasis) Associate Degree program, graduates will be able to:

- Utilize knowledge gained from science based and dental curriculum
- Apply critical thinking skills in a variety of situations
- Use appropriate technology to acquire, organize, analyze, and communicate information
- Define personal values and ethics
- Communicate thoughts, ideas, information, and messages in written and oral formats
- Demonstrate knowledge of and sensitivity to a variety of cultural values and awareness of global issues

General Education Coursework

Students in the Dental Assisting (Science Emphasis) program complete general education coursework online and on campus.

Carrington College'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.

¹Completion of the Dental Assisting Associate of Science degree requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the Carrington College Dental Hygiene program.

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)

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, 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 College'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.