

Dental Assistant (BP/EP) Diploma

Semester Sequence

Offered at Brooklyn Park and Eden Prairie

Pre-Dental Assistant Requirements

All Pre-Dental courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

EMSV1020	CPR/First Aid or Current CPR for Health Care Provider or Professional Rescuer	1
COMM1250	Interpersonal Communication or	3
COMM1260	Small Group Communication	3
DNTL1121	Dental Science (may be repeated only once)	4
ENGL1100	Writing and Research or	4
ENGL1250	Short Form Composition and Reporting	4

Total Credits 11

Students are required to complete the following prior to program application:

- * Hepatitis B Vaccination (2 vaccinations of a series of 3 must be completed)
- * Tetanus vaccination (TDAP) (within last 10 yrs)
- * High School Diploma or GED Required

REQUIRED within two weeks after beginning the program:

- * Mantoux (PPD Test)
- * Background study through the MN Department of Human Services, 651-431-2000. Contact DHS with questions.

First Semester

DNTL1140	Dental Materials	3
DNTL1160	Preclinical Chairside Assisting	3
DNTL1180	Chairside Assisting I	4
DNTL1200	Dental Health	2
DNTL1241	Dental Radiology	4

Total Credits 16

Second Semester

DNTL1000	Dental Team/Practice Management	2
DNTL1220	Chairside Assisting II	4
DNTL1261	Expanded Functions	7

Total Credits 13

Summer Semester

DNTL1305	Externship Seminar	1
DNTL1321	Clinical Externship I	4
DNTL1325	Clinical Externship II	4

Total Credits 9

General Information

- The Dental Assistant program at Hennepin Technical College is approved by the Minnesota Board of Dentistry, www.dentalboard.state.mn.us.
- The program in Dental Assisting is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of Approval without Reporting Requirements. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. The Commission's web address is: <http://www.ada.org/en/coda>.
- All Dental Assistant students must earn a C or better in all DNTL (Dental Assistant) courses to continue in the Dental program. In the event that a student earns a D, F or W grade in a DNTL course, the student may repeat that course only one time the next semester that the course is offered.
- Current certification in CPR is mandatory throughout the entire program, including externship. Proof of current CPR certification is also required in order to take the Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) examination.
- Students who have earned their Dental Assisting diploma or degree are eligible to take the Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) and the Minnesota State Licensure Exam. Successful completion of the Minnesota State Licensure Exam allows the individual to practice as a Licensed Dental Assistant (LDA).
- A written notification is required from a physician/obstetrician for a pregnant student to continue enrollment in DNTL1241 Dental Radiology, DNTL1261 Expanded Functions, DNTL1321 Clinical Externship I, and DNTL1325 Clinical Externship II.
- Information is available on the HTC website and from the Enrollment Advisors, HTC Counselors, and the dental assistant program faculty which state the risks of entering this profession in regard to bloodborne pathogens and disease transmission, including needlesticks.

Criminal Background Studies

Minnesota law requires that any person who provides services that involve direct contact with children, patients, and residents at a health or child care facility licensed by the State of Minnesota must have a background study conducted by the state. Individuals with specified felony convictions are prohibited from having direct contact with children, patients, and residents of licensed facilities. Anyone refusing to cooperate in the criminal background study cannot participate in coursework that requires direct contact with children, patients or residents. Students who are disqualified from having direct patient/resident/child contact will not be able to participate in coursework which includes a practical experience. Therefore, completion of coursework for the program major will not be possible without documentation of a cleared background study.

Additional Program Costs

Books - \$450
 Program Kit (Typodonts) - \$950 + tax
 Scrub uniforms, lab coat, white shoes - \$125
 Membership in ADAA and Liability Insurance - \$45
 Student name tag - \$10
 MN Jurisprudence Exam - \$60
 MN Licensure Exam (DASLE) - \$70
 Board of Dentistry Application - \$123
 Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) - \$450
 Approx. Total for Additional Program Costs - \$2,033

Graduation (49 Credits)

Semester listings reflect the recommended sequence. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the information herein is subject to change without notice.

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