

Certificate

EXPANDED DUTY DENTAL ASSISTING

The Expanded Duty Dental Assisting (EDDA) certificate prepares dental assistants to perform chair-side assisting; expose and process radiographs; perform basic business-office procedures; manage asepsis, infection, and hazard-control protocols; perform laboratory procedures; assist in the management of emergencies; provide oral-health instruction; and function as a member of the dental team. High-school courses in biology, chemistry, and algebra are recommended to prepare for the program's science-based curriculum. Students will be required to travel to various dental offices in Horry and Georgetown counties as part of their office-rotation courses.

Students in the Dental Assisting program receive their education in a state-of-the-art Dental Clinic on the Grand Strand Campus under the direct supervision of licensed dentists and hygienists as well as in local dental offices during office rotations which provide invaluable workforce experience. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be deemed the title of Expanded Duty Dental Assistant. Graduates will then be granted approval to take the Dental Assisting National Board to become a Certified Dental Assistant.

Program Information

Specific Admission Requirements for Program

Applicants will be accepted into the Expanded Duty Dental Assisting program on a first qualified, first accepted basis. Once all requirements for admission into the program have been completed, the applicant will be offered a seat for the next available semester.

- Criminal Background Check (CBC) 30 days prior to students enrolling in the EDDA Program. An applicant with an unfavorable CBC may result in student being removed from desired program. Clinical sites/facilities determine applicant's eligibility to participate in clinical studies based on their policies.
- Urine Drug Screening (UDS) 30 days prior to students enrolling in the EDDA Program. An applicant with an unfavorable UDS may result in student being removed from desired program. Clinical sites/facilities determine applicant's eligibility to participate in clinical studies based on their policies.
- TEAS score of **55** or above – valid for 2 years from date of testing.
- Submit a Health Sciences Division Student Health Record Form indicating the candidate has the ability to perform the physical tasks required in the program prior to the start of the final semester.
- Complete the Expanded Duty Dental Assisting Checklist for Admissions
- Complete 15 hours of clinical observation observing a practicing dental assistant and dentist in a private dental office. Observation can occur in a general or specialty dental office. Forms must be completed by the supervising dentist/dental assistant verifying observations. Forms must be sent to the Office of Admissions upon completion of observation hours.
- May not have more than two unsuccessful attempts in an Expanded Duty Dental Assisting curriculum General Education course.
- Payment of a non-refundable tuition deposit.

Course Sequence and Progression Requirements

A minimum grade of "C" or better is required for all courses for progression and graduation. Grades below "C" are considered course failures. Failure of one Expanded Duty Dental Assisting course will result in the student being dropped from the curriculum with eligibility for readmission the next time the course is offered. Readmission will be on a space available basis and the student will also be required to meet all admission requirements for readmission. The Expanded Duty Dental Assisting Program does not currently accept advanced placement students. All courses with a DAT prefix are restricted to Expanded Duty Dental Assisting majors.

CURRICULUM SEQUENCE

First Semester - Fall	Course Title	Semester Credit Hours
DAT 113	Dental Materials	4
DAT 118	Dental Morphology	2
DAT 127	Dental Radiography	4
DAT 154	Clinical Procedures I	4
DAT 174	Office Rotations	4
	TOTAL	18
Second Semester - Spring		
DAT 115	Ethics and Professionalism	1

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DAT 121	Dental Health Education	2
DAT 122	Dental Office Management	2
DAT 123	Oral Medicine/Oral Biology	3
DAT 177	Dental Office Experience	7
DAT 183	Specialty Functions	3
	TOTAL	18
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	36