

Diploma

EXPANDED DUTY DENTAL ASSISTING

The Expanded Duty Dental Assisting (EDA) diploma 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 Expanded Duty Dental Assisting program receive their education in a brand-new, state-of-the-art Dental Clinic on the Grand Strand campus, under the direct supervision of licensed dentists and hygienists. Graduates are eligible to take national board-certification exams. After successful completion of these examinations, you will be certified as a Dental Assistant.

The programs in Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and have been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements." The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

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 and there may be a waiting list.

- Criminal Background Check 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 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.
- 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 online EDDA Student Information Session.
- Complete 15 hours of observation in private dental office(s). Forms which must be completed by the supervising dentist verifying observations will be emailed to student after completion of the online Department Information Session.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 in Expanded Duty Dental Assisting curriculum General Education courses - you may take while waiting: PSY 103
- Prerequisite courses - minimum grade of "C" required in each course: BIO 112 and ENG 155 (or ENG 101 and SPC 205)
- 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

AHS 106	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	1
DAT 113	Dental Materials	4
DAT 118	Dental Morphology	2
DAT 127	Dental Radiography	4
DAT 154	Clinical Procedures	4
PSY 103	Human Relations*	3

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	TOTAL	18
Second Semester - Spring		
DAT 115	Ethics Professionalism	1
DAT 121	Dental Health Education	2
DAT 122	Dental Office Management	2
DAT 123	Oral Medicine/Oral Biology	3
DAT 174	Office Rotations	4
DAT 183	Expanded Functions/ Specialties	3
	TOTAL	15
Third Semester - Summer		
DAT 177	Dental Office Experience	7
	TOTAL	7
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	40

*Students interested in articulating into the Associate Degree Dental Hygiene program may elect to take the following courses: ENG 101 and SPC 205 in lieu of ENG 155; SOC 101 and PSY 201 in lieu of PSY 103.