



**2009-2010
Career and Technical
Programs**

**Health Professions
Division
(541) 463-5617**

**One-Year Certificate
of Completion**

Dental Assisting

For additional information, see lanecc.edu/fhc/dental/da.htm

Purpose To prepare graduates for employment in the dental setting, with emphasis on current concepts of clinical chairside assisting. Included classes also offer some cross-training and pathways to receptionist-bookkeeper, office manager or laboratory technician.

Learning Outcomes The graduate will:

- demonstrate knowledge and skills required to collect diagnostic data systematically.
- demonstrate knowledge and skills required to perform a variety of clinical supportive treatments.
- demonstrate knowledge and skill required to accurately expose, develop and mount diagnostic radiographs
- demonstrate knowledge and skills required for business office procedures.
- demonstrate knowledge and skills required to access information via dental journals and web sites.
- demonstrate knowledge and skills needed to compute mixing amounts for impression materials, cements, and disinfecting/sterilizing solutions, as well as calculate plaque indexing and inverse square law.

Employment Trends About 96 percent of graduates find employment in the Eugene/Springfield area. The remaining four percent are able to find employment in other parts of the state. The state economist projects 22 positions available annually in Lane County, and 265 openings annually statewide. It is estimated that positions available in Oregon will increase by 1,316 between 2006 and 2016.

Wages Starting salary in the Eugene/Springfield area ranges from \$12.50-13.50 hourly or \$26,000-28,080 annually. Average 2008 wages in Lane County were \$17.23, hourly, or \$35,696, annually. Statewide average 2008 wages were \$17.30 hourly, or \$35,976, annually.

Tuition (estimate)* \$7,451

* Subject to change without notice. Miscellaneous costs could be up to \$2500, including national and state exams. The faculty strives to minimize costs for additional materials in classes.

Program Accreditation American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation, a specialized accrediting board recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Licensing or Other Certification Exams Required Certificate of Radiological Proficiency, with proficiency examination administered by the Dental Assisting National Board. Students complete three National Board examinations each year and are also eligible to receive all state required credentials.

Prerequisites Dental Assisting is a concentrated program that requires good reading and study skills. Students are encouraged to take DA 110 Health Sciences and DA 103 Dental Law and Ethics prior to entry into the program. Evidence of a physical examination (within the previous nine months) must be submitted prior to admission to the program.

First Day Enrollment requirements

MTH 025 Basic Math
Applications (or higher) *M..... 3 credits
Human Relations requirement ^{G,R}..... 3 credits
Choice of:3-4 credits

WR 115 Introduction to College Writing ^{G,W}
WR 121 English Composition: Exposition and
Introduction to Argument ^{G,W}

Computer competency by successful completion of one of the following courses or demonstrated proficiency to the program coordinator prior to fall term:

CIS 101 Computer Fundamentals or
CS 120 Concepts of Computing: Information
Processing

Admission Deadline See application packet for detailed information.

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Admission Information Beginning fall term, application packets with admission information are available at lanecc.edu/fhc/dentalassisting. An applicant must be an Oregon resident with a high school diploma or a GED certificate. The admissions process includes screening examinations and submission of transcripts. Enrollment in this program is limited to 30 students per year. Students who have been accepted into the Dental Assisting program may arrange to complete the program over a two-year period.

Continuing Education The employed dental assistant may register for any course offered by contacting the Program Coordinator, Kris Tupper (541) 463-5620. Expanded functions are taught during Advanced Clinical Experiences in the spring term. This class is open to qualified working chairside assistants if space permits and if the working assistant meets state credentialing qualifications.

Cooperative Education (Co-op) Co-op is a required class for students enrolled in the Dental Assisting Program. Through Co-op, students spend a minimum of 24 hours a week during spring term working in at least two different professional dental offices. Co-op offers students the opportunity to gain skills, connect theory and practice, and make contacts for employment. Contact the Dental Assisting Co-op Coordinator, Leslie Greer (541) 463-5638.

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	Fall
DA 107 Dental Health Education 1 * ¹ , 2,3,G.....	1
DA 110 Health Sciences ^{1,3,G}	3
DA 115 Dental Anatomy * ¹ , 2,3,G.....	3
DA 192 Dental Materials 1 * ^{2,3,G}	3
DA 195 Chairside Procedures * ¹ , 2,3,G	6
DA 210 Dental Radiology * ¹ , 2,3,G	4
Total Credits	20

	Winter
DA 103 Dentistry, Law and Ethics ^{3 *4}	2
DA 108 Dental Health Education 2 * ^{2,3,G}	3
DA 193 Dental Materials 2 * ^{2,3,G}	3
DA 196 Chairside Procedures 2 * ^{2,3,G}	7
DA 211 Dental Radiology 2 * ^{2,3,G}	2
Total Credits	17

	Spring
DA 102 Advanced Clinical Experiences * ^{3,G}	3
DA 194 Dental Office Procedures * ^{2,3,G}	3
DA 280 Co-op Ed: Dental Assisting * ^{2,3,G}	6
Total Credits	12

- 1 To be taken first year if program extended over two years.
- 2 Must be enrolled in Dental Assisting Program
- 3 Degree or certificate requirement. Must be passed with a grade of 75% or better to remain in the Dental Assisting program.
- 4 online class only

Standard footnotes:

- * Prerequisite required
- A Meets Arts/Letters requirement
- B Must be passed with grade of "B-" or better to use as a prerequisite
- D Degree or certificate requirement; must be passed with grade of "C-" or better
- G Must be taken for a grade, not P/NP; major requirement

- H Meets Human Relations/Social Science requirement
- M Meets Mathematics requirement
- P Meets PE/Health requirement
- R Required for AAS degree
- S Meets Science/Math/Computer Science requirement
- W Meets Written Communications or English Composition requirement