Associate of Applied Science in Dental Assisting

Admission Requirements

Satisfy the Application and Admission Requirements for Associate Degree Programs (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate).

Special admission requirements apply. Interested individuals must contact an advisor in the Dental Assisting Department to review procedures and requirements for admission.

- Complete a dental assisting application form and mail to:
  UAA Dental Assisting Program
  Allied Health Sciences Building, Room 148
  3211 Providence Drive
  Anchorage, AK 99508-8371

- Complete UAA-approved English and mathematics placement tests. Contact Testing Center at (907) 786-4500 for testing times. If test scores are low, additional coursework will be recommended to help the applicant achieve the goal of completing the Dental Assisting program.

- Two letters of recommendation sent to the dental assisting program (on the required forms) are mandatory. Preferably these letters should come from former or current employers or instructors.

The information listed above must be in the applicant’s file before they will be considered for admission in the program in the fall semester of the year applying.

Applicants with complete files are selected for admission based upon their test scores, grades in high school and college, ability to complete the application process, and dental assisting experience. If test results are low, applicants will be advised to take courses to improve reading comprehension levels; proof of successful course completion must be provided prior to acceptance into the program.

Expenses beyond tuition include activity fees, uniforms, lab fees, student organization membership, immunizations, cost of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class, Dental Assisting National Board Exam (DANB) fees, and student health insurance.

Immunizations and CPR certification are required prior to clinical participation and must be current throughout the program. Students must be free of tooth decay and active periodontal disease.

Graduation Requirements

- Satisfy the General University Requirements for Associate of Applied Science Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/aasrequirements).

- Complete the General Course Requirements for Associate of Applied Science Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/aasrequirements/generalcourserequirements) (15 credits). Completion of BIOL and PSY courses below will fulfill the requirement of 6 credits of humanities, mathematics and natural sciences, or social sciences.

  - Complete the program requirements below.

Program Requirements

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Biology Courses

- BIOL A102 & BIOL A103: Introductory Biology and Introductory Biology Laboratory
- BIOL A111: Human Anatomy and Physiology I

Nutrition Courses

- CA A119: Principles of Nutrition
- DN A203: Nutrition for Health Sciences

Psychology Courses

- HUMS/PSY A153: Human Relations
- PSY A111: General Psychology
- PSY A150: Lifespan Development

Electives

Recommended courses include:
- CIS A105: Introduction to Personal Computers and Application Software
- MA A101: Medical Terminology

General Education Requirements (GERs) for Baccalaureate Degrees

A total of 60 credits is required for the degree.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with an Associate of Applied Science in Dental Assisting will be able to:

- Demonstrate skills and knowledge necessary to be competent in the dental assisting field.
• Demonstrate professional standards according to OSHA, ADA, OSAP, ADAA and radiation health and safety standards.
• Demonstrate ethical behavior in a dental office setting.
• Demonstrate general knowledge in the fields of biology, communications and nutrition.