ACADEMIC PARTNER PROGRAMS

Dental Assistant
(with Springfield Technical Community College)

THE DEGREE
Certificate

THE PROGRAM
Dental Assistants perform a variety of tasks including chairside assisting, dental practice management, dental radiology, administrative assisting and infection control. They are vital members of the dental team. Theory and principles of Dental Assisting will be presented through the curriculum in the classroom, clinical affiliation is conducted off-campus in a variety of dental offices. Employment of dental assistants is projected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations. This program is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

ESTIMATED LENGTH OF PROGRAM
1 year

YOUR NEXT STEP
Dental Assistant Certificate is an accredited program that has two primary objectives: to prepare the student for employment as a professional member of the dental team, and to prepare and motivate the student to continue his/her dental education toward a degree. Advanced degrees will enable the qualified student to participate in broader areas of the dental profession.

STCC PROGRAM DIRECTOR
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Note: For questions or program information students should contact the STCC School of Health and Patient Simulation Information line: shps@stcc.edu or 413 755-7477

GCC PROGRAM CONTACT
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REQUIRED COURSES THAT CAN BE TAKEN AT GCC FOR THE STCC PROGRAM

ENG 101 English Composition I 3
BIO 215 Human Anatomy and Physiology I ➀ 4
- or BIO 194 Comprehensive Anatomy and Physiology 4
- or MAC 112 Human Body in Health and Disease 3
PSY 101 Principles of Psychology 4
PCS 141 Interpersonal Communication 3

Total credits: 13-14

➀ BIO 126 and MAT 014 or MAT 014S or MAT 096 or MAT 096S are prerequisites for BIO 215 at GCC

REQUIRED COURSES THAT MUST BE TAKEN AT STCC

DAS 100 Dental Assisting Techniques 1 2
DAS 100L Lab: Dental Assisting techniques 1 1
DAS 101 Oral Anatomy 2
DAS 102 Dental Radiology 1 2
DAS 102L Lab: Dental Radiology 1 1
DAS 103 Dental Sciences 1 2
DAS 104 Dental Material 1 2
DAS 104L Lab: Dental Material 1 1
DAS 200 Dental Assisting Techniques 2 2
DAS 200L Lab: Dental Assisting Techniques 2 1
DAS 201 Dental Sciences 2 3
DAS 202 Dental Records 2
DAS 203 Dental Radiology 2 1
DAS 204 Clinical Affiliation 5

Total credits: 27