



DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM

Your interest in the Dental Assisting program of Pearl River Community College shows you have definite ideas about your goals and your future. I want to congratulate you on choosing a career that has so many opportunities for employment. Dental Assistants are a vital part of the dental health team, and I believe you will find a lot of personal satisfaction in this field.

All the courses you need to complete the year-long program are offered on the Hattiesburg/Forrest County Campus of PRCC. If you have not already made application to Pearl River Community College, I encourage you to do so. This will allow you to participate in early registration during the summer before the regular registration for the fall term begins. Applications will be accepted through May 30th.

1. Complete and return Program Application and PRCC application to:

PRCC

Dental Assisting Dept.
5448 U.S. Hwy 49 South
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

2. Send copy of high school transcript.
3. Send college transcripts.
4. Send ACT scores.

All materials should be at PRCC as soon as possible to be considered for this program. The faculty and staff of the Allied Health Center look forward to working with you as you begin your college studies. Please let us know how we can help you, perhaps regarding financial aid or work study programs. Please feel free to call the Dental Assisting Department at 601-554-5509.

Sincerely,

Emily L. Addison

Emily L. Addison, C.D.A., B.S.
Dental Assisting, PRCC

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DENTAL ASSISTANT

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Dental Assisting is a career for individuals who enjoy patient contact, set or flexible hours and the security of marketable job skills. It is ideal for the young high school student searching for a stable career, the mom who is looking for part time work or the adult seeking a second career choice.

The Dental Assisting Program is a twelve month course of study designed to provide students with learning opportunities which enable them to assist the Dentist in any routine operative, or office procedure.

The teacher to student ratio in the Dental Assisting Program is 1 to 10, insuring individualized attention. Being one of only 2 accredited programs in the state of Mississippi, the opportunity for employment is very favorable.

Students who satisfactorily complete all course requirements for Dental Assisting Technology will receive a technical certificate and will be eligible to sit for the certification exam from the Dental Assisting National Board.

DENTAL ASSISTANT

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

FRESHMAN YEAR		SEMESTER HOURS		
		1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
DAT 1111	Orientation	1		
DAT 1214	Dental Assisting Materials	4		
DAT 1313	Dental Science I	3		
DAT 1415	Chairside Assisting I	5		
DAT 1513	Dental Radiology I	3		
DAT 1323	Dental Science II		3	
DAT 1423	Chairside Assisting II		3	
DAT 1522	Dental Radiology II		2	
DAT 1612	Dental Health Education		2	
DAT 1714	Practice Management		4	
DAT 1815	Clinical Experience I		5	
	Written Communication Elective			3
DAT 1822	Clinical Experience II			2
DAT 1433	Chairside Assisting III			3
SPT 1113	Oral Communications			3

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMISSION

1. The applicant must be at least 18 years of age by date of program completion.
2. The applicant must complete a Pearl River Community College application.
3. The applicant must give evidence that he or she has completed the 12th grade (submit an accredited high school transcript) or has made an equivalent score on the G.E.D. test (at least 40 on each part for an average of 45 on all parts).
4. If an applicant has not graduated from an accredited high school, but has graduated from a non-accredited high school, the applicant must have 16 acceptable Carnegie units and a minimum composite score of 16 on the ACT.
5. All applicants must have an ACT score on file.
6. Applicants must provide ONE of the following:
 - A. Students must have an ACT composite score of 12 or above (if taken before October 1989) or 16 or above (if taken October 1989 or after); OR
 - B. Students must have completed the following courses in the last five years and have received a “C” or above :
 - Human Growth and Development
 - Anatomy and Physiology I
 - Anatomy and Physiology II
 - Nutrition
7. Selected applicants will be invited for a personal interview by the interviewing committee. The basis for this selection will be the scores or GPA’s on the criteria listed in #6. The committee will be composed of Dental Assisting faculty members and/or a vocational-technical counselor, or a designated representative from the primary clinical affiliates.
8. Applicants will be selected on the following basis:
 - A. Admission requirement ranking
 - B. High school transcript or G.E.D. ranking
 - C. Personal interview
9. For those applicants selected for admission, a physical is required. The applicant must submit a college approved health form completed and signed by a physician of the applicant’s choice confirming that the applicant is in good health and possesses the required physical abilities to function satisfactorily within the program and the occupation. Drug screening will be a part of this examination.
10. Priority in student admission will be given to: (1) district applicants (2) out-of-district applicants (3) out-of-state applicants.
11. Qualified applicants who are admitted to the class as alternates will be placed on a waiting list and may be selected to fill any vacancies that occur prior to the end of late registration.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
DENTAL ASSISTING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Date: _____ SS #: _____

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Maiden)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip) (County)

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ day _____ night

Date of Birth: _____
Month Day Year

Have you been a resident of Mississippi for the past 12 months: _____yes _____no

Date of Graduation: _____ Have you taken the ACT? _____yes _____no ACT Score: _____

Have you attended college: _____yes _____no

If yes, list the colleges and dates attended below:

_____ Dates Attended _____
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_____ Dates Attended _____

When do you wish to enter PRCC? _____

Are transcripts and ACT scores on file at PRCC? _____yes _____no

I agree that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and that deliberate falsification of information will result in denial of admission to PRCC.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

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DENTAL ASSISTING (DAT)

1111 Orientation. (1)

The development, function, status, and organization of the dental profession, and the legal, ethical, moral, and professional responsibilities of the dental assistant. Terminology emphasizing prefixes, suffixes, roots, abbreviations, spelling, and definitions of medical and dental terms. One lecture hour per week.

1214 Dental Assisting Materials. (4)

Dental safety precautions will be emphasized. Includes a comprehensive study of the physical and chemical properties of dental materials. Lab sessions include measuring, manipulating, and preparing dental materials for use in the dental operatory and dental laboratory. Two lecture and four lab hours per week.

1313 Dental Science I. (3)

Physiology, anatomy, and morphology as related to the oral cavity. The content is organized to include a study of the body systems, the anatomy of the head and neck, and the form of each of the thirty-two teeth. Three lecture hours per week.

1323 Dental Science II. (3) Prerequisite: DAT 1313

Microbiology, embryology, pathology, and pharmacology as related to dentistry. Content organized to give the student basic information required for effective dental assisting. Three lecture hours per week.

1415 Chairside Assisting I. (5)

Comprehensive study of information relating to assisting at the dental chair. Laboratory sessions include all phases of chairside assisting from seating the patient to post operative care of the treatment room. Two lecture and six lab hours per week.

1423 Chairside Assisting II. (3) Prerequisite: DAT 1415

A continuation of the study of information related to assisting at the dental chair. Emphasis on techniques utilized in performing all dental procedures especially in the dental specialties. Two lecture and two lab hours per week.

1433 Chairside Assisting III. (3) Prerequisite: DAT 1423

A continuation of Chairside Assisting II with emphasis in orthodontics, prosthodontics, and pedodontics. Two lecture and two lab hours per week.

1513 Dental Radiology I. (3)

Principles and safety precautions in dental radiology. Laboratory sessions include positioning, exposing, processing, and mounting bitewing, occlusal, periapical and panoramic dental radiographs. Two lecture and two lab hours per week.

1522 Dental Radiology II. (2) Prerequisite: DAT 1513

A continuation of Dental Radiology I with emphasis on clinical competence in exposing periapical radiographs. Four lab hours per week.

1612 Dental Health Education. (2)

Study of the nutritional needs of the body. Emphasis on nutritional requirements for maintaining good oral hygiene. Comprehensive study of the dental assistant's responsibilities in patient education as related to good oral health. Two lecture hours per week.

1714 Practice Management. (4)

Comprehensive study of the dental office business procedures. Topics covered: patient contact, patient records, insurance, financial records, telephone use, office management, and the computer in the dental office. Three lecture and two lab hours per week.

1816 Clinical Experience I. (5) Corequisite: DAT 1415

Supervised clinical experience in authorized dental clinic. One hour lecture per week and twenty hours clinical.

1823 Clinical Experience II. (3) Prerequisite: All first semester DAT courses

A continuation of Supervised Clinical Experience I. Supervised clinical experience in authorized general practice. Nine clinical hours.

THE FORM BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED AND **SENT TO THE SCHOOL FROM WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS.**

NAME: _____
(LAST) (MAIDEN) (FIRST) (MIDDLE INITIAL)

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

I, _____, REQUEST THE RECORDS DEPARTMENT OF
(NAME OF STUDENT)

_____ TO RELEASE MY TRANSCRIPT
(NAME OF INSTITUTION)

TO:
PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FORREST COUNTY CENTER
DENTAL ASSISTING DEPARTMENT
5448 US HWY 49 SOUTH
HATTIESBURG, MS 39401

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

INSTITUTION:

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM (OR A COPY) WITH THE TRANSCRIPT OT THE ABOVE LISTED ADDRESS.

ESTIMATED FEE SHEET
DENTAL ASSISTING

FIRST SEMESTER

Tuition		810.00
Lab Fee		301.00
Background Check		75.00
Uniforms (to include 2 sets of scrubs, 1 lab coat, 1 pair of leather shoes)		150.00
Parking Permit		10.00
Hepatitis B Vaccine	2 @ 35.00 each	70.00
Liability Insurance		15.00
Textbooks		275.00
CDA Exam Fee		150.00
Registration Fee		25.00
TOTAL		\$ 1,881.00

SECOND SEMESTER

Registration Fee		25.00
Tuition		810.00
Lab Fee		301.00
Name Tag		10.00
Textbooks		50.00
Hepatitis B Vaccine		35.00
CDA Exam Fee		150.00
TOTAL		\$ 1,346.00

THIRD SEMESTER

Tuition		810.00
Lab Fee		301.00
CDA Exam Fee		150.00
Graduation Fee		40.00
Registration Fee		25.00
TOTAL		\$ 1,326.00

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 4,553.00**

THESE ARE ONLY ESTIMATES AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.