

PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DENTAL ASSISTING
APPLICATION INFORMATION

Dear Prospective Student:

We are pleased that you have shown an interest in the Dental Assisting program at Pearl River Community College. The enclosed application packet contains all the information you will need to successfully apply to the program. **The deadline to apply for the August 2019 class is April 26, 2019.** Please follow the steps below to insure that your application is complete.

The following items must be submitted as one (1) complete packet to the Dental Assisting department prior to April 26, 2019: The completed packet should include all of the following and be mailed to:

**Pearl River Community College
Attn: Dental Assisting Department
5448 US Hwy. 49 South
Hattiesburg, MS 39401**

- Program Application (included in packet)
- Official high school transcript or GED mailed to the Dental Assisting Department.
- ACT Score (Phone 319-337-1313 or go online to www.act.org if scores are not included on high school transcripts.)
- Verification of Observation Hours (included in packet) - **Observe a Dental Assistant working with a dentist for a minimum of eight (8) hours and have the verification form completed and returned with your application information.**

In addition to the above please complete the PRCC Application for admissions online and send official college transcripts from all colleges attended to

**Pearl River Community College
Office of Admissions
5448 US Hwy 49 South
Hattiesburg, MS 39401**

Note: If college work was completed at PRCC in either Poplarville or Hattiesburg, please indicate this on the PRCC application. We will be able to access your transcript.

Please note: It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all material has been received in the Dental Assisting Department by the April 26, 2019 (2:00 PM) deadline. ONLY those with a completed application packet on file will be considered.

Thank you for your interest in the Dental Assisting program at PRCC. If we can provide assistance regarding these materials or the application process, please contact the Dental Assisting Department at (601) 554-5509.

Sincerely,

Shanalyn H. Allen, D.M.D.

Shanalyn H. Allen, DMD
Chair of Dental Technology

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PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DENTAL ASSISTING TECHNOLOGY

The Career

If you are interested in a health career oriented toward preventing disease and helping patients maintain good oral health and assisting a dentist in correcting dental related problems then dental assisting may be the career for you.

If you would like:

- A career that is fast paced and hands on
- the opportunity to work in pleasant surroundings
- the satisfaction of helping others
- the chance to work with people on an individual basis
- the convenience of flexible work hours
- the opportunity to practice nationwide and abroad; and
- a career with many job opportunities, then dental hygiene may be right for you.

Dental assisting functions vary somewhat from state to state. Functions routinely performed by dental assistants in Mississippi include, but are not limited to:

- coronal polishing of teeth
- applying fluoride treatments and dental sealants
- taking and processing x-rays
- taking alginate impressions
- helping the dentist in such procedures as fillings, extractions, implants, root canal therapy and fixed and removable restorations
- maintaining infection control in the dental office
- answering the phone and making appointments for patients
- educating patients regarding dental diseases and proper home care
- providing dental health education in the community; and
- providing nutritional information and advice.

Dental assistants can work in private dental offices, dental clinics and hospitals, public health facilities, and product research centers. Dental assistants can also work in health education and product sales and marketing. Due to the nature of the profession, dental assistants may come in contact with blood borne pathogens. The American with Disabilities Act forbids the discrimination against patients with infectious disease. Therefore, students are required to treat all patients assigned regardless of the disease state of the patient. The Pearl River Community College Dental Assisting Program complies with all institutional, local, state, and federal regulations on blood borne pathogens and infectious diseases, ionizing radiation and hazardous material.

CREDENTIALS

The Dental Assisting Program is a 12-month course of study, beginning in the fall and ends in the summer. There are two degree options: Technical Degree or with additional academic coursework, Associates Degree of Applied Science. The Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) exam will be taken in 3 parts: Infection Control, Radiology Health and Safety and General Chairside. Once all three exams are passed, and course curriculum completed with a "C" average, a student then becomes a Certified Dental Assistant. Please see danb.org for more information.

ADMISSION

Applicants must meet the requirements of Pearl River Community College and be eligible to take English Composition I (Eng 1113), and have a minimum ACT composite score of 18 to be considered for the dental assisting program. Application submission and/or meeting the minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance. Upon

acceptance, the applicant must submit a college approved health form, complete CPR training for healthcare providers with an AED component, and comply or decline Hepatitis B vaccinations. A physical, including drug screening, is required.

Admission Requirements:

- Be 18 years of age by the date of program completion
- Complete a Pearl River Community College admissions application
- Submit accredited high school transcript or pass GED test
- Submit ACT score of 18 or higher
- Submit all college transcripts
- Applicant must be eligible to take English Composition I, if not taken previously

Applicants with the highest points for ACT and GPA will be invited for personal interviews.

Applicants will be selected based on the following:

- Admission Point Scale
 - Knowledge of the dental field and duties of the dental assistant
 - Interest in becoming a dental assistant
 - Verbal and nonverbal communication skills
- Alternates will be chosen to fill vacancies that could arise before the end of late registration.

ALL STATEMENTS RELATED TO ADMISSION CRITERIA OR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PRESENT POLICIES ARE SUBJECT TO REVISIONS

ANY ADVICE GIVEN BY THE DENTAL ASSISTING DEPARTMENT REGARDING COURSEWORK DOES NOT INSURE ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU ARE SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL CONCERNING DATES AND TIMES OF INTERVIEWS.

***Pearl River Community College offers equal education and employment opportunities. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, veteran status, or disability.**

Any person needing to request accommodations, special assistance, or alternate format publication for this event, please contact the ADA Coordinator's office at 601-403-1060.

DENTAL ASSISTING CURRICULUM School Year 2018/2019

- The State Dental Assisting Curriculum will be changing for the School Year 2019/2020. Revisions will be posted upon final approval by the Mississippi Community College Board.

Fall

Course	Semester Hours
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

Spring

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	6

Summer Session I

Written Communication Elective	3
DAT 1822 Clinical Experience II	3

Summer Session II

DAT 1433 Chairside Assisting III	3
SPT 1113 Oral Communications	3

Technical Certificate – 48 hours

Additional Academic Coursework Needed to Earn an Associates degree of Applied Science

General education courses may be completed prior to entering or at program completion. We do not recommend taking these courses during the DAT program curriculum.

Math/Science elective	DAT recommended courses – College Algebra, Biology I, General Psychology, Nutrition, First Aid/CPR, Art or Music Appreciation
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	
Social Behavioral Science Elective	

AAS Diploma – 60 hours

ESTIMATED FEES

FEES THAT APPLY FOR EACH SEMESTER

Tuition – In State 15 hours or more	1625.00
Tuition – Less than 15 hours	140.00 per hour
Tuition – Out of state Plus \$1,625.00 – 15 hours or more	1199.00
Tuition - Out of state Plus \$140 per hour – less than 15 hours	100.00 per hour
Program Fee	500.00
Registration Fee	40.00
Technology Fee	40.00

ADDITIONAL FEES

First Semester

Year Disk	5.00
Parking Permit	20.00
Uniforms	
Scrubs (2 sets)	150.00
Lab Coats (1)	
Leather Clinic Shoes (1 pr.)	
Orientation Fee	100.00
Background check	50.00
Liability Insurance	15.00
Hepatitis vaccination and post screening, TB Mantou Test	200.00
BLS, CPR, and AED training	50.00
Books	300.00
CDA Exam Fee (ICE)	250.00
Liability Insurance (yearly)	15.00
Misc. Fees	100.00

Second Semester

Books	50.00
Name tag	10.00
CDA Exam (RHS)	250.00
Misc. Fees	50.00

Third Semester

CDA Exam Fee	250.00
CDA	175.00
Mic. Fees	50.00

Additional tuition, etc... may be incurred by the student if the student attends summer school to complete core curriculum classes
ABOVE FEES ARE AN ESTIMATE. ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Dental Assisting Program Admission Point Scale

Points	ACT Composite Score	High School GPA *based on a 4 point scale
10	27+	4.0
9	26	3.8-3.99
8	25	3.6-3.79
7	24	3.4-3.59
6	23	3.2-3.49
5	22	3.0-3.19
4	21	2.8-2.99
3	20	2.6-2.79
2	19	2.3-2.59
1	18	2.0-2.29
0	17	Below 2.0

Students with College Credits for the following program courses can earn additional points.

A = 3 pts.

B = 2 pts.

C = 1 pts.

Below C = 0 pt.

English Composition I

General Psychology

Fine Arts Elective

Nutrition

Public Speaking

College Algebra

General Biology I

8 Observation Hours are required. 1 point will be given for 8 hours. 2 points given for additional hours.

32 applicants with the most points will be offered an interview.

At the interview, 12 additional points may be awarded based on:

1. Knowledge of the dental field and role of the dental assistant
2. Interest in becoming a dental assistant
3. Verbal and nonverbal communication skills

Applicants will be interviewed together, 2 or 3 at a time. The same question will be asked of each, in random order.

There are 16 students accepted each year for the Dental Assisting Program. The applicants with the highest number of points will be offered a place in the upcoming class. 4 additional students will be accepted as alternates (in point ranking), in case any of those accepted decline their acceptance.

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
DENTAL ASSISTING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

Date: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle Maiden

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip County

E-Mail Address: _____@_____*

***Please Note:** Most correspondence from the Dental Assisting Department will be sent **via e-mail**.

Phone Number: _____ Day _____ Evening

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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When do you wish to enter PRCC? _____

Are **ALL** 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 _____

VERIFICATION OF OBSERVATION HOURS
FOR
DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM

Date: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Time In _____ a.m./p.m.

Time Out _____ a.m./p.m.

Total Hours of Observation: _____

Dental Office _____

Address _____

Dentist's Signature _____

Comments:

All applicants are required to visit a dental office which employs a dental assistant and observe the functions and responsibilities of a practicing dental assistant for a minimum of 8 hours as part of the application process for Dental Assisting Technology entry.

Please make additional copies for each office visited.

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM FOR PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Please complete this form to send to the school you are requesting transcripts from.

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

Social Security Number: _____

School attended: _____

Date of graduation: _____

I, _____, request the records department of
(Name of student)

_____, to release my transcript to:
(Name of Institution)

Pearl River Community College
Dental Assisting Program
5448 U.S. Hwy 49 South
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

Pearl River Community College Financial Aid

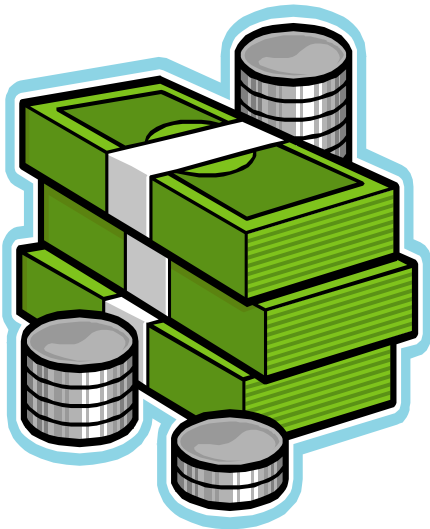
All financial aid information and applications
can now be obtained online at:

www.prcc.edu

By following these simple steps:

- 🖱 Step 1 CLICK ON “STUDENT INFORMATION”
- 🖱 Step 2 CLICK ON “FINANCIAL AID”
- 🖱 Step 3 CHOOSE THE LINK OR FORM NEEDED

Information Available:



- Pell Grant
- MTAG
- Scholarships
- Additional paperwork may be needed to complete file with financial aid department.

SCHOOL CODE: 002430



In-State/Out of State Residency

Out of State Residency is determined by:

- Out of State High School Transcript
- OR**
- Out of State College Transcript (*even if you have in-state high school transcript*)
- AND/OR**
- Out of State Address for student and/or parent (*if student is under 21 years of age*)

How To Prove Your In-State Residency

To be considered an in state resident you must prove that you have a fixed and permanent residence within the boundaries of the state. For the purpose of tuition, you cannot be a resident of more than one state.

If you are over 21, please, present the following to the admissions office on your campus:

1. Mississippi Driver's License
2. Mississippi Automobile Registration

AND

2 (TWO) or more of the following

1. Proof of home ownership or rent receipts
2. Proof of filing Homestead Exemption
3. Copy of utility bills
4. Mississippi income tax forms or proof of payment
5. Voter registration for Mississippi

If you are under 21, present the above documents on your parents to prove that your parents are Mississippi residents

OR

1. Marriage license

AND the documents listed above for your residence.

*****The law allows no exceptions for students below the age of 21 who are independent from their parents unless legally married.***

*****The listed factor are not the sole factors that PRCC may look to in establishing residence, but they are important in establishing intent to reside within the state.***