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 today. The PRCC application must be completed online. Applications will be accepted through April 28th. Only coursework transcribed prior to April 28th will be used to compute GPA. It is the responsibility of the applicant to complete the PRCC online Application for Admissions and return the Dental Assisting program forms to the proper department no later than 2:00 p.m. on April 28, 2017.

1. Complete and return Program Application
   Pearl River Community College
   Dental Assisting Department
   5448 U.S. Highway 49 South
   Hattiesburg, MS 39401

2. Send copy of high school transcript.
   Escrip is the most efficient manner to submit your transcript(s) if this option is available.

3. Send college transcripts.

4. Send ACT scores.

5. Send Completed Observation Verification form(s).

Thank you for your interest in our Dental Assisting program. If we may be of any assistance to you during the application process, please do not hesitate to call the Dental Assisting Department at 601-554-5509 or email the Dental Dept. Secretary at laevans@prcc.edu.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Bosarge

Rhonda Bosarge CDA, RDH, BS
Dental Assisting Program Director

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DENTAL ASSISTANT

If you are a "hands-on" person, enjoy people, like fast-paced work, like variety, and enjoy the thought of helping people; then Dental Assisting might be for you. Dental Assistants help a Dentist work on patients in a dental office or clinic. They take dental x-rays, make study models, help with dental procedures, do coronal polishes, apply sealants, and maintain infection control of dental operatory, instruments, and equipment. They help calm patient's fears, maintain patient's dental records, make appointments, answer the telephone, and help with patient oral healthcare education.

In the state of Mississippi, one does not need additional education to become a dental assistant; on the job training may be an option. We believe that learning opens doors for the dental assistant; doors to increased pay, professional recognition, advanced career opportunities, and a matchless feeling of personal accomplishment.

The Dental Assistant 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. Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) exam will be taken in 3 parts: Infection Control, Radiology Health & Safety and General Chairs. 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.

Applicants must meet the admission 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 &/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, comply or decline Hepatitis B vaccinations. A physical, including drug screening, is required.

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. Regulation policies are available upon request.

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 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.

Dental assisting is one of the fastest growing occupations in the United States. In fact, the demand for dental assistants is expected to grow 31 percent between 2010 and 2020. Dentists are relying more and more on dental assistants, who need a combination of technical and interpersonal skills to perform a wide variety of tasks. DANB CDAs earn a median salary of $2.01 more per hour than non-certified assistants. Median* Salary Per Hour $16.00 in the state of MS
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Dental Assisting Program Admission Point Scale

Minimum ACT requirement is 18 unless there are fewer applicants than seats available for upcoming class. Then the highest ACT will be considered, but no points will be given.

Minimum High School GPA required to apply is 2.0, no points are given if below.

Applicant must be eligible to take English Composition I for admission to the Dental Assisting Program.

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


English Composition I  Public Speaking I
General Psychology  College Algebra
Fine Arts Elective (Art or Music Appreciation)
General Biology I or Nutrition

8 Observation Hours are required. 1 Point given for 8 Hrs. 2 pts. are given if additional hours are obtained.

Points may range from 3 to 40, from the above criteria.

Thirty-two (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 order), in case any of those accepted decline their acceptance.
### DENTAL ASSISTING CURRICULUM

#### SEMESTER HOURS

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**Technical Certificate - 48 hours**

**Additional Academic Coursework Needed to Earn an Associate 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.

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**AAS Diploma – 60 hours**
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 is 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. (6) Prerequisite: 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
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**Total** $1965.00

**TOTAL FOR 3 SEMESTERS: $7405.00**

**THESE ARE ONLY ESTIMATES AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.**
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: __________

______________________________________________________________________________ Dates attended: __________

Are you a current student at PRCC? _____yes ______ no

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: ________________

If you have a disability that qualifies under the Americans with Disabilities Act and you require special assistance or
accommodations, you should contact the designated coordinator for your campus for information on appropriate
guidelines and procedures: Poplarville Campus, Tonia Moody at 601-403-1060 or tmoody@prcc.edu; Forrest
County Center, Beth Strahan at 601-554-5530 or bstrahan@prcc.edu; Hancock Center, Raymunda Barnes at 228-
252-7000 or rbarnes@prcc.edu. Distance Learning Students who require special assistance, accommodations,
and/or need for alternate format should contact Tonia Moody at tmoody@prcc.edu.
THE FORM BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED

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 TO:
(NAME OF INSTITUTION)

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 TO THE ABOVE LISTED
ADDRESS.
DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM

DENTAL OFFICE OBSERVATION VERIFICATION*

Name __________________________________________________________

Date ______________

Time In ______ a.m./p.m. Time Out ______________ a.m./p.m.

Total Hours of observation: ______________

Dental office ______________________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________

Dentist’s signature ______________________________________________

Comments ________________________________________________________
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* 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 DAT program entry.