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 27, 2018. Only coursework transcripted prior to April 27th 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 property department no later than 2:00pm on April 27, 2018.

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

   If not a current PRCC student:
   PRCC Admissions Application
   ** Must be completed online

2. Send copy of high school transcript.

   Escript is the most efficient manner to submit your transcript(s)
   If this option is available.

3. Send college transcripts.

4. Send ACT scores.

Thank you for your interest in our Dental Assisting Program. If we may be of 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, PRCC

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

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 &/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

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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.

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  
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 ASSISTANT**
## DENTAL ASSISTING CURRICULUM

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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**
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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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: __________________

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 Seal 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 Seal at tmoody@prcc.edu.
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. (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
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 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.
# Estimated Fee Sheet

Dental Assisting

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**Total** | $3165.00

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**Total** | $1965.00

**TOTAL FOR 3 SEMESTERS:** | $7405.00

*THERE ARE ONLY ESTIMATES AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.*
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:
_____________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________

*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.
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.
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