

DENTAL ASSISTING

Upon completion of the program, graduates are immediately eligible to take the Dental Board of California licensure examination to become a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA). Graduates will also receive a state Radiation Safety License, Certificates in Infection Control, Coronal Polish and the application of Pit and Fissure Sealants and a Certificate of Achievement from Monterey Peninsula College. Students who complete additional general education courses can earn an Associates in Science Degree.

Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Perform the duties of a Registered Dental Assistant as identified by the Dental Board of California and necessary to pass the California State Board Examination.
- Expose radiographs on patients according to standards identified by the California Dental Radiation Health and Safety License.
- Perform coronal polishing procedures according to standards identified by the Dental Board of California.
- Perform pit and fissure sealant procedures according to standards identified by the Dental Board of California.
- Implement infection control measures while performing dental assistant procedures according to standards identified by the Dental Board of California and the Dental Practice Act.

Certificate of Achievement (Career Technical)

Certificate Requirements	Units
REQUIRED CORE:	28-31
DNTL 100 Orientation to Dental Careers (2)	
DNTL 101 Dental Anatomy (2)	
DNTL 102 Chairside Assisting I (3)	
DNTL 103 Radiography for Dental Assistants (2)	
DNTL 104 Chairside Assisting II (2.5)	
DNTL 105 Dental Health Science (2)	
DNTL 107 Coronal Polish (.5)	
DNTL 108 Pit and Fissure Sealants (.5)	
DNTL 111 Dental Pharmacology and Oral Pathology (2)	
DNTL 112 Office Management (1.5)	
DNTL 115 Dental Specialties (2.5)	
DNTL 116 Supervised Clinical Experience (3.5)	
ENGL 111 Intermed. Academic Reading and Writing (4)	
or ENSL 110 Advanced Writing (4)	
& ENSL 155 Advanced Reading (3)	
TOTAL CERTIFICATE UNITS	28-31

Associate in Science Degree (Career Technical)

Associate Degree Major Requirements	Units
Certificate Requirements (as described above)	28-31
<i>Complete Competency Requirements and MPC General Education Pattern for a total of 60 degree-applicable units (see pages 72-73, 76 in the 2017-18 MPC Catalog).</i>	
TOTAL DEGREE UNITS	60