

Dental Assistant

Academic Planning Guide

Foundations of Dental Assisting Occupational Certificate

This certificate will prepare students with the foundational knowledge of the Dental Assisting profession. Working in a dental office, all positions are important members of a professional health team. This award offers students an understanding of infection control and basic chairside procedures and business office and laboratory procedures. This award prepares students

to be an unlicensed dental assistant. A student must complete the accredited Dental Assistant diploma or associate degree to be eligible to the Dental Assisting National Board exam. Passing this exam is a requirement to apply for licensure which then allows dental assistants to perform expanded functions on patients.

First Semester

DNTL1121	Dental Science	4
DNTL1200	Dental Health	2
EMSV1020	CPR/First Aid	1
Total Credits		7

Second Semester

DNTL1140	Dental Materials	3
DNTL1200	Preclinical Chairside Assisting	3
DNTL1180	Chairside Assisting I	4
DNTL1241	Dental Radiology	4
Total Credits		14

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Please note:

- All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
- All DNTL courses may only be repeated one time.
- Current CPR certification is mandatory throughout the program training. Proof of current CPR certification is required for the Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) examinations.
- After successful completion of this program, students are eligible to take the DANB Radiation Health and Safety and the Infection Control examinations.
- Minnesota law requires a background study for any persons who provide services that involve direct contact with children, patients, and residents at a health or child care facility licensed by the State of Minnesota. Please contact the Department of Human Services with any questions.

Please note: Semester listings reflect the recommended sequence. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the information herein is subject to change without notice.

Plan Your Path to Stay on Track

Success doesn't happen by accident—it starts with a plan! Whether you're working toward a diploma, certificate, or degree, understanding which courses to take and when to take them can save you time, money, and stress.

By staying organized and proactive, you'll move forward with confidence, avoid last-minute surprises, and stay on track for graduation. One of the best tools to help you map out your path is your Degree Audit Report (DARS).

Your Personal Academic Checklist

DARS takes the guesswork out of course planning. It gives you a clear snapshot of your progress and shows which classes are still required for your program.

Why Check DARS?

Planning your class schedule is much easier when you know what is left to take! Checking your DARS report can help you:

- ✓ Avoid registering for the wrong courses
- ✓ Make steady progress toward your degree or diploma
- ✓ Stay on track for graduation and avoid surprises

How to Access Your DARS Audit

Checking your DARS only takes a few clicks!

- 1 Log into eServices with your StarID and password
- 2 Go to the Academic Records section
- 3 Click on Degree Audit Report (DARS)
- 4 Review your audit to see what is complete and what is still required



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Plan Ahead for Success

It is smart to review your DARS every semester—especially before registration opens. If you are not sure which classes to take next, your DARS is a great place to start. You can also bring it to your academic advising appointment to build a plan that fits your goals and schedule.

Your degree. Your plan. Your future.

DARS helps you take the right steps, at the right time. Check your DARS often so you can register with confidence and graduate on time!

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