

Dental Assisting (Cert, AAS)



EXPLORE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

The Dental Assisting program prepares students to become certified and skilled members of the dental health care team. Dental assistants perform some of the most comprehensive and varied duties in the dental office, greatly increasing the efficiency of the dentist in the delivery of oral health care. The program is accredited, allowing graduates to take the Dental Assisting National Board examination in General Chairside Assisting.

Educational Pathway Options

	Recommended Preparation	Certificate	Associate of Applied Science (AAS)	Career Opportunities
High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and Writing Skills • Algebra • Basic Computer Skills <p>Also Helpful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Health Occupations* • Psychology • Nutrition* <p>* Students may earn college credit through Tech Prep, techprep.uaa.alaska.edu</p>	<p>1-1½ Years</p> <p>Dental Assisting</p>	<p>2-3 Years</p> <p>Dental Assisting</p>	<p>Dental Assisting</p>

APPLICATION PROCESS

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

- 1 Apply for admission at www.uaa.alaska.edu/admissions.
- 2 Review admission requirements for your student type.
- 3 Submit required documents to UAA Office of Admissions (see below).
- 4 Take the SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer test for English and math course placement. Call the UAA Advising & Testing Center at 907.786.4500 for testing information.
- 5 Make an appointment for academic advising at 907.786.6929 and meet regularly with an advisor.
- 6 Access the Future Students Checklist online at www.uaa.alaska.edu/futurestudents/checklist.cfm to stay on track.

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Earn a high school diploma, GED, or participate in UAA's Ability to Benefit process.
- 2 Complete preparatory courses as recommended by the Dental Assisting advisor or demonstrate all of the following:
 - Placement in MATH 054 or above
 - Placement in ENGL 111 or above; or completion of appropriate preparatory English with a grade of 'C' or better
- 3 Provide documentation of a current adult/child/infant CPR certificate, recent physical examination, and current immunizations. These must stay current throughout attendance.
- 4 Submit application materials to the department. Visit www.uaa.alaska.edu/ctc/alliedhealth/da for details.

This information is based on the 2009-2010 UAA Course Catalog. Please refer to the current catalog for complete information.

DENTAL ASSISTING (CERT)

Students who complete the Dental Assisting Certificate are eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board examination to become Certified Dental Assistants.

▶ FALL SEMESTER (17 credits)	Semester	Grade	▶ SPRING SEMESTER (14 credits)	Semester	Grade
DA 101 Essentials of Dentistry (3)	_____	_____	DA 150 Biomedical & Dental Sciences for Dental Assistants (3)	_____	_____
DA 102 Infection Control in Dentistry (3)	_____	_____	DA 160 Materials in Dentistry (3)	_____	_____
DA 110 Dental Radiography (3)	_____	_____	DA 195A Dental Assisting Practicum I (1)	_____	_____
DA 110L Dental Radiography Lab (1)	_____	_____	DA 201 Chairside Techniques II (4)	_____	_____
DA 127 Dental Practice Management & Professionalism (3)	_____	_____	DA 202 Dental Specialties for Dental Auxiliaries (3)	_____	_____
DA 130 Chairside Techniques I (4)	_____	_____			
			▶ SUMMER SEMESTER (3 credits)		
			DA 295A Clinical Practicum II (3)	_____	_____

A total of 34 credits is required for this undergraduate certificate.

DENTAL ASSISTING (AAS)

<p>▶ COMPLETE DENTAL ASSISTING CERTIFICATE (34 credits) <i>Courses outlined above.</i></p> <p>▶ GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES (9 credits)</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Semester</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Grade</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ENGL 111 Methods of Written Communication* (3)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><i>And one of the following:</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>COMM 111 Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COMM 235 Small Group Communication (3)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COMM 237 Interpersonal Communication (3)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COMM 241 Public Speaking (3)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><i>And one of the following:</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>ENGL 211 Academic Writing About Literature* (3)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ENGL 212 Technical Writing* (3)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ENGL 213 Writing in the Social & Natural Sciences* (3)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ENGL 214 Persuasive Writing* (3)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CIOB 260A Business Communications* (3)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>*Placement test or prerequisite required.</i></p>	Semester	Grade	ENGL 111 Methods of Written Communication* (3)	_____	<i>And one of the following:</i>		COMM 111 Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3)	_____	COMM 235 Small Group Communication (3)	_____	COMM 237 Interpersonal Communication (3)	_____	COMM 241 Public Speaking (3)	_____	<i>And one of the following:</i>		ENGL 211 Academic Writing About Literature* (3)	_____	ENGL 212 Technical Writing* (3)	_____	ENGL 213 Writing in the Social & Natural Sciences* (3)	_____	ENGL 214 Persuasive Writing* (3)	_____	CIOB 260A Business Communications* (3)	_____	<p>▶ MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (10 credits)</p> <p><i>Choose one of the following biology courses:</i></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tbody> <tr> <td>BIOL 102 Introductory Biology (3) <i>and</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BIOL 103 Introductory Biology Laboratory (1)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BIOL 111 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BIOL 115 Fundamentals of Biology I (4)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><i>And one of the following nutrition courses:</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>DN 101 Principles of Nutrition (3)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DN 203 Nutrition for Health Sciences (3)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><i>And one of the following psychology courses:</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSY 111 General Psychology (3)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSY 150 Lifespan Development (3)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSY 153 Human Relations (3)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>▶ ELECTIVES (7 credits) <i>Recommended courses include CIS 105, DA 295B, MA 101 or General Education Requirements (GERs) for baccalaureate degrees.</i></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	BIOL 102 Introductory Biology (3) <i>and</i>	_____	BIOL 103 Introductory Biology Laboratory (1)	_____	BIOL 111 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4)	_____	BIOL 115 Fundamentals of Biology I (4)	_____	<i>And one of the following nutrition courses:</i>		DN 101 Principles of Nutrition (3)	_____	DN 203 Nutrition for Health Sciences (3)	_____	<i>And one of the following psychology courses:</i>		PSY 111 General Psychology (3)	_____	PSY 150 Lifespan Development (3)	_____	PSY 153 Human Relations (3)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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A total of 60 credits is required for this degree.

Tuition and Fees

UAA's current semester schedule for tuition, lab fees, and student fees will apply. Additional expenses include books, supplies, parking, uniforms, professional organization membership (optional), immunization fees, and national exam fees.

Application Requirement

The UAA Dental Program application requires information concerning disciplinary actions taken at any university or college. If this is an issue, talk to an advisor before applying to the program.