

# Dental Assisting Certificate

The Dental Assisting Certificate program is granted by Metropolitan Community College, but coordinated at JCCC.

One of the most exciting features of a dental assistant career is the variety of work experiences you'll have, including working chair-side with dentists, taking radiographs, mixing dental materials, performing laboratory procedures, taking dental impressions, creating models, and fabricating bleaching trays and mouth guards. The demand for dental assistants and other professionals that dentists rely on to serve patients has increased dramatically.

The dental assistant program has accreditation from the American Dental Association (ADA), Commission on Dental Accreditation. Graduating from an ADA-accredited dental assisting program allows you to take the Dental Assisting National Board examination without the two years of full-time work experience that would otherwise be required.

JCCC offers the cooperative dental assisting certificate program for Johnson County residents with MCC-Penn Valley Community College. You must be accepted as a student at JCCC and accepted into the program at MCC-Penn Valley Community College. Consult with a JCCC counselor for more information.

Program courses and credit hours are subject to change because of requirement changes at the certificate-granting institution. Contact MCC-Penn Valley Community College at 816-604-4237 for an application packet, which includes deadlines, program prerequisites and admission requirements. Visit <http://mccckc.edu>

Note: Johnson County Community College students should seek specific counsel from the MCC program personnel for the appropriate course plan and numbers.

Johnson County Community College students should refer to Cooperative Program Information (<http://www.jccc.edu/cooperative>).

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### Specific Program Requirements-must be taken at JCCC

ENGL 121	Composition I*	3
PSYC 130	Introduction to Psychology	3
SPD 121	Public Speaking	3

### Specific Program Requirements-must be taken at MCC-Penn Valley

COLL 100	First Year Seminar	1
DENA 100	Introduction to Dental Assisting	1
DENA 101	Body Structure and Function	2
DENA 102	Head and Neck Anatomy	2
DENA 103	Dental Anatomy	2
DENA 104	Dental Emergencies and Pharmacology	1
DENA 105	Dental Materials I	2
DENA 108	Oral Microbiology and Infection Control	2
DENA 110	Chairside Assisting I	5
DENA 115	Dental Radiology I	4
DENA 125	Clinical Experience I	2
DENA 205	Dental Materials II	3
DENA 210	Chairside Assisting II	5
DENA 215	Dental Radiology II	2
DENA 225	Dental Office Management	2
DENA 230	Oral Pathology	1
DENA 250	Clinical Experience II	4
DENA 260	Dental Assisting Seminar	2

**Total Program Hours: 52**