

DENTAL ASSISTANT - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Doña Ana Community College 2026-2027 Catalog (28 credits)

NOTE: Students must earn a final grade of C or better in all required courses/Technical Requirements and achieve a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.0.

Students must complete all University certificate requirements, which include: General Education requirements and elective credits to total at least 28 credits. Developmental coursework will not count toward the degree requirements and/or elective credits.

Prefix	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
COMM 1130G or COMM 1115G or ENGL 1110G	Public Speaking ¹ Introduction to Communication Composition I	3
BIOL 1130G or BIOL 2210 or BIOL 2225 or BIOL 353 or BIOL 354 or SPMD 2225	Introductory Anatomy & Physiology (non-majors) ¹ Human Anatomy and Physiology I Human Anatomy and Physiology II Pre-Professional Human Anatomy Physiology of Humans Anatomy and Physiology II	4
Technical Requirements		
DAST 1515 or DHYG 2213 & DHYG 2214 & DHYG 2215 & DHYG 2223	Bio-Dental Science III Oral Histology and Embryology and Head and Neck Anatomy and Tooth Anatomy and Morphology and General and Oral Pathology	4
DAST 1519 or DHYG 2210 & DHYG 2220	Clinical Procedures I Preclinical Dental Hygiene Seminar and Clinical Dental Hygiene Seminar I	2
DAST 1519L or DHYG 2212 & DHYG 2222	Clinical Procedures I Laboratory Preclinical Dental Hygiene and Clinical Dental Hygiene I	3
DAST 1123 or DHYG 2216	Dental Radiology Dental Radiology	2
DAST 1123L or DHYG 2216L	Dental Radiology Laboratory Dental Radiology Lab	1
DAST 1111 or DHYG 2225	Dental Materials Dental Materials	2
DAST 1111L or DHYG 2225L	Dental Materials Laboratory Dental Materials Laboratory	1
DAST 2990 or DHYG 2232 & DHYG 2996	Dental Assisting Practicum Clinical Dental Hygiene III and Special Topics in Dental Hygiene	4
DAST 2222 or DHYG 2234	Community Dental Health Research Methodology	2
Total Credits		28

¹ Must be completed before a student can apply to the Dental Assistant program.

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A Suggested Plan of Study

The contents of this roadmap may vary depending on initial student placement in mathematics and English. This is only a suggested plan of study for students and is not intended as a contract. Individual student academic plans may vary. Please contact your academic advisor to create a plan that works for you. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change.

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Semester 1	Credits
SPRING	
Area I: Communications - Oral Communications	3
COMM 1115G or COMM 1130G or ENGL 1110G	Introduction to Communication or Public Speaking or Composition I
BIOL 1130G or BIOL 2210 or BIOL 2225 or BIOL 353 or BIOL 354 or SPMD 2225	Introductory Anatomy & Physiology (non-majors) or Human Anatomy and Physiology I or Human Anatomy and Physiology II or Pre-Professional Human Anatomy or Physiology of Humans or Anatomy and Physiology II
	Credits
	7
Semester 2	
SUMMER	
DAST 1515 or DHYG 2213 <i>and</i> DHYG 2214 <i>and</i> DHYG 2215 <i>and</i> DHYG 2223	Bio-Dental Science III or Oral Histology and Embryology <i>and</i> Head and Neck Anatomy <i>and</i> Tooth Anatomy and Morphology <i>and</i> General and Oral Pathology
DAST 1519 or DHYG 2210 <i>and</i> DHYG 2220	Clinical Procedures I or Preclinical Dental Hygiene Seminar <i>and</i> Clinical Dental Hygiene Seminar I
DAST 1519L or DHYG 2212 <i>and</i> DHYG 2222	Clinical Procedures I Laboratory or Preclinical Dental Hygiene <i>and</i> Clinical Dental Hygiene I
DAST 1123 or DHYG 2216	Dental Radiology or Dental Radiology
DAST 1123L or DHYG 2216L	Dental Radiology Laboratory or Dental Radiology Lab
	Credits
	12
Semester 3	
FALL	
DAST 1111 or DHYG 2225	Dental Materials or Dental Materials
DAST 1111L or DHYG 2225L	Dental Materials Laboratory or Dental Materials Laboratory
DAST 2222 or DHYG 2234	Community Dental Health or Research Methodology

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DAST 2990	Dental Assisting Practicum	4
or DHYG 2232 <i>and</i>	or Clinical Dental Hygiene III <i>and</i> Special	
DHYG 2996	Topics in Dental Hygiene	
Credits		9
Total Credits		28