

Diploma in Dental Assisting

The Dental Assisting accredited diploma program prepares students for employment in a variety of positions in today's dental offices. The Dental Assisting program provides learning opportunities which introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Additionally, the program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills or to retrain in the area of dental assisting. Graduates of the program receive a Dental Assisting diploma, are certified in Radiology and Expanded Duties in Georgia, and are eligible to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB).

Columbus Technical College Diploma in Dental Assisting program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The program has a seven-year accreditation with the next review date scheduled for Fall of 2027.

Columbus Technical College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Associate Degrees, Diploma, and Technical Certificates of Credit. Contact the Commission at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033- 4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Southern Regional Technical Colleges.

Job placement is 95% for graduates seeking employment, gaining employment within six months after graduation. As a graduate of the Dental Assisting accredited program, the student is eligible to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board and take the Certified Dental Assistant exam (CDA).

Program Outcome

At least 85% of students who enter the program will graduate on time with their class. At least 97% will pass the CDA exam on the first attempt.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Program Pass Rate</u>	<u>CDA Pass Rate</u>
2017	92%	91%
2018	81%	96%
2019	100%	77%
2020	100%	86%

Program Admission Requirements (Competitive Admission)

1. Program Ranking is performed using a program specific Excel spreadsheet with 60% of the ranking coming from competitive GPA and 40% from HESI A2 scores.
2. Required forms must be submitted to the Health Sciences Center to be reviewed by the Program Director by the published deadline date. (All forms are located on the CTC web site – <http://www.columbustech.edu>) Information will then be delivered to Admissions for competitive ranking.
3. Students who hold college degrees must compete in the same areas as students without previous degrees, including HESI exam.
4. Students applying for competitive admission are strongly encouraged to attend an information session.
5. All pre-requisite courses must be complete at the time of application deadline date.
6. Transfer credits – Student's official transcripts/grades from all institutions must be received by CTC's Admissions Office by the deadline date.
 - a. All accredited health sciences and nursing programs have state or national guidelines and standards that students must successfully meet to complete the program. However, the curriculum varies widely between each program. For example, some programs operate in the quarter system, while others utilize semesters. Furthermore, each programs' courses are structured differently and may be taught in a different order. Therefore, Columbus Technical College **will not** accept transfer credit from other accredited colleges and universities for previously completed nursing or health sciences programs' occupational courses. Additionally, no military credits and/or nursing experience while working in the military will be accepted.
7. Competitive ranking will be based on:
 - a. Designated course grades used for competitive ranking are indicated by an asterisk* on program sequence sheets on CTC web page. All pre-requisites must be completed at the time of program application with a grade of C or higher.
 - i. Students will be given one opportunity to improve their grade for all pre-requisite courses while enrolled at Columbus Technical College. The higher grade will be used for ranking.
* Financial Aid will only pay for two attempts with a passing grade.
 - ii. Science courses (BIOL 2113 & 2113L, 2114 & 2114L, 2117 & 2117L, CHEM 1211 & 1211L and PHYS 1110 & 1110L, ALHS 1011) used for competitive admission cannot be more than 7 years old or the course must be re-taken. Any science courses more than 7 years old will not be used for competitive ranking.
- b. HESI A2 exam scores
 - i. Student must take the HESI A2 exam and score a minimum of **70** for degree programs and **60** for diploma programs to be considered for admission to a competitive program.
 - ii. Call 706-649-1822 (testing Center located in the Library Building) for times, dates and questions regarding testing

APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE

*Students may begin applying 2 weeks prior to deadline to

Division of Health Sciences and Nursing at Robert L. Wright, Jr Health Sciences Center Program	Deadline to turn application in to Health Sciences
Associate Degree Nursing	September 15th
Associate Degree Nursing	June 1st
Dental Assisting	February 15th
Dental Hygiene	June 1st
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	September 15th
Practical Nursing	February 15th
Radiologic Technology	September 15th
Respiratory Care	September 15th
Surgical Technology	February 15th

Competitive Admit Information

- The program accepts 14 students per class, per year.
- Currently, the school considers the applicant's GPA for completed prerequisite courses and Accuplacer scores for competitive admission.
- Entrance is contingent on completion of a background check through Ft. Benning which must be completed after being conditionally accepted into the program.

Program Considerations

- Dental Assisting courses are generally offered from 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Thursday, on any given semester (however the times/days can change for the needs of the program).
- Attending the program is equivalent to working a full-time job.
- Travel is required for clinical rotations (currently, as far as 30 miles each way) for up to 5 days per week depending on the semester. Reliable transportation is a must.
- CDA exam fee (totaling \$450.00, must be paid at the start of the last semester of the program)
- We often assist graduates with employment opportunities as they come available in the area, however, we do not guarantee job placement (Approximately 85-100% of past graduating classes are gainfully employed within the first 6 months post-graduation.)

Curriculum Outline

All pre-requisite courses and occupational courses must be successfully completed with a grade of C or better.

[ALHS 1011](#) or [DENA 1010](#) is acceptable for program admission.

General Core Courses (15 credit hours)

<u>ENGL 1010</u>	Fundamentals of English I	3
<u>PSYC 1010</u>	Basic Psychology	3
<u>ALHS 1040</u>	Introduction to Health Care	3
<u>MATH 1012</u>	Foundations of Mathematics	3
<u>COMP 1000</u>	Introduction to Computer Literacy	3

Fundamental Occupational Courses (13 or 17 credit hours)

<u>ALHS 1011</u>	Structure and Function of the Human Body	5
<u>DENA 1010</u>	Basic Human Biology	1
<u>DENA 1030</u>	Preventive Dentistry	2
<u>DENA 1050</u>	Microbiology and Infection Control	3
<u>DENA 1070</u>	Oral Pathology and Therapeutics	2
<u>DENA 1080</u>	Dental Anatomy	5

Specific Occupational Courses (27 credit hours)

<u>DENA 1090</u>	Dental Assisting National Board Examination Preparation	1
<u>DENA 1340</u>	Dental Assisting I: General Chairside	6
<u>DENA 1350</u>	Dental Assisting II: Dental Specialties and EFDA Skills	7
<u>DENA 1390</u>	Dental Radiology	4
<u>DENA 1400</u>	Dental Practice Management	2
<u>DENA 1460</u>	Dental Practicum I	1
<u>DENA 1470</u>	Dental Practicum II	1

ENGL 1010, ALHS 1040, MATH 1012: courses to use for competitive admission ranking

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 55

Dental Assisting Supply List

Fall Semester	
3-Set of scrubs in school colors(Famous Brands)	\$81.00
1-White Lab coat	\$18.00
1-Blue Lab coat	\$18.00
1-pair white leather shoes	
Books approx.	\$ 225.00
1-boxes of Gloves (Darby Dental)	
1-Boxes Mask (Darby Dental)	
Immunization-Approx.	\$350.00
2-Safety Glasses (Darby Dental)	
Spring Semester	
1-boxes of Gloves (Darby Dental)	
1-Bur kit (Darby Dental)	\$136.35
Books approx.	\$125.00
Summer Semester	
Books approx.	\$170.00
Fall Semester	
Dental Assisting National Boards	\$450.00
Books approx.	\$60.00