

Academic Map: Dental Assisting Program

DEGREE: Certificate CREDIT HOURS: 40 CATALOG YEAR: 22-23



DESCRIPTION: The CODA-accredited Dental Assisting program at Luna is a full time one-year program beginning in the fall, with sequential classes through the spring and summer semesters, Students will be required to complete, off-campus externship clinical practicum hours during the spring and summer semester.

To attain national certification through the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB), an individual must submit an application to DANB through an accredited dental assisting program. Those individuals wanting to stay in the State can obtain required credentials by submitting an application for Radiation Health and Safety, coronal polish, pit and fissure sealants, and topical fluoride application, to the NM State Board of Dental Health Care, in Santa Fe, NM.

Individuals interested in the Dental Assistant Certificate program should be aware that the dental field does have some risk of occupational hazards. The nature of the occupation can involve contact with Bloodborne and infectious diseases. Students admitted to the program will receive proper training in biohazard protection and in the proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE), to reduce the risks.

Students must apply for regular admission and complete the Institutional Proficiency requirements, in Math and English. Completion of this certificate can be applied toward the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Vocational/Technical Studies.

Term 1		Credits	Pre-requisite/Co-requisite	Area	Min Grade	Milestones and Notes
<u> </u> DENT109	Preventive Dentistry/OHC	<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> AH113 Medical Terminology	MC D02	<u> </u> C	<u> </u> DANB/NMSBDHC
<u> </u> DENT118/Lab	Dental Assisting	<u> 5 </u>	<u> </u> None	MC D02	<u> </u> C/S	
<u> </u> DENT128	Community Field Experience	<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> None	Off Camps	<u> </u> S	<u> </u> Complete 6
<u> </u> DENT145	Bio-Dental Science	<u> 3 </u>	<u> </u> None	MC D02	<u> </u> C	
<u> </u> DENT160/Lab	Dental Radiology	<u> 4 </u>	<u> </u> None	MC D02	<u> </u> C	DANB/NMSBDHC
<u> </u> DENT167	Oral Medicine	<u> 2 </u>	<u> </u> None	MC D02	<u> </u> C	

Term 2		Credits	Pre-requisite/Co-requisite	Area	Min Grade	Milestones and Notes
<u> </u> DENT103	Dental Materials	<u> 5 </u>	DENT103-DENT233	MC D02	<u> </u> C	Perform as a dental assistant in C
<u> </u> DENT170/170L	Clinical Pract. I & Seminar	<u> 7 </u>	<u> </u> None	Off Camp	<u> </u> S	Practicum I/II
<u> </u> DENT226	Dental Pharmacology	<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> None	MC D02	<u> </u> C	
<u> </u> DENT233	Laboratory Procedures	<u> 2 </u>	<u> </u> None	MC D02	<u> </u> S	

Term 3		Credits	Pre-requisite/Co-requisite	Area	Min Grade	Milestones and Notes
<u> </u> DENT209	Professional Ethics	<u> 2 </u>	Spring and Summer classes	MC D02	<u> </u> C	Completion of total 300
<u> </u> DENT220	Dental Office Management	<u> 2 </u>	<u> </u> None	MC d02	<u> </u> C	clinical hours
<u> </u> DENT270/270Lab	Clinical Pract. II & Seminar	<u> 3 </u>	<u> </u> None		<u> </u> S	

PROGRAM ELECTIVES that are not required for the certificate but could be taken toward completion of General Education Certificate.

ENGL1110	Freshman Composition I or	3		C	
COMM1130	Public Speaking or	3		D	
COMM2120	Interpersonal Communication	3		D	
MATH 1215	Intermediate Algebra	4		C	
AREA III	Laboratory Science Any Science	4-5		D	
AREA IV	Social & Behavioral Science	4		D	
BCIS110	Introduction to Information Systems	3		D	