

DENTAL ASSISTANT - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Doña Ana Community College 2025-2026 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 3210	Introductory Anatomy & Physiology (non-majors) ¹ Human Anatomy and Physiology I for the Health Sciences Human Anatomy and Physiology II Pre-Professional Human Anatomy Physiology of Humans Anatomy and Physiology II	4
Technical Requirements		
DAS 111 or DHYG 114 & DHYG 116 & DHYG 117 & DHYG 124	Bio-Dental Science Oral Histology and Embryology and Head and Neck Anatomy and Dental Anatomy and General and Oral Pathology	3
DAS 113	Dental Assisting I	5
DAS 115 or DHYG 118	Dental Radiology ² Dental Radiology	4
DAS 117 or DHYG 134	Dental Materials ² Dental Materials	3
DAS 123 or DHYG 120 & DHYG 122	Dental Assisting Practicum Dental Hygiene Theory I and Clinical Dental Hygiene I	4
DAS 129 or DHYG 110 & DHYG 112	Preventive Dentistry Preclinical Dental Hygiene and Preclinical Dental Hygiene Lab	2
Total Credits		28

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

² Course can be substituted for equivalent DHYG course if the DAS course was completed at DACC in 2024 or thereafter

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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 3210	Introductory Anatomy & Physiology (non-majors) or Human Anatomy and Physiology I for the Health Sciences or Human Anatomy and Physiology II or Pre-Professional Human Anatomy or Physiology of Humans or Anatomy and Physiology II	4
Credits		7
Semester 2		
SUMMER		
DAS 111 or DHYG 114 <i>and</i> DHYG 116 <i>and</i> DHYG 117 <i>and</i> DHYG 124	Bio-Dental Science or Oral Histology and Embryology <i>and</i> Head and Neck Anatomy <i>and</i> Dental Anatomy <i>and</i> General and Oral Pathology	3
DAS 113	Dental Assisting I	5
Credits		8
Semester 3		
FALL		
DAS 115 or DHYG 118	Dental Radiology ² or Dental Radiology	4
DAS 117 or DHYG 134	Dental Materials ² or Dental Materials	3
DAS 129 or DHYG 110 <i>and</i> DHYG 112	Preventive Dentistry or Preclinical Dental Hygiene <i>and</i> Preclinical Dental Hygiene Lab	2
DAS 123 or DHYG 120 <i>and</i> DHYG 122	Dental Assisting Practicum or Dental Hygiene Theory I <i>and</i> Clinical Dental Hygiene I	4
Credits		13
Total Credits		28