

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.