

# 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
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
COMM 1130G or COMM 1115G or ENGL 1110G	Public Speaking <sup>1</sup> 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) <sup>1</sup> 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
<b>Technical Requirements</b>		
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 <sup>2</sup> Dental Radiology	4
DAS 117 or DHYG 134	Dental Materials <sup>2</sup> 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
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>28</b>

<sup>1</sup> Must be completed before a student can apply to the Dental Assistant program.

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