

Dental Assisting



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Admission Requirements

Progression: To meet graduation requirements for this program, students must successfully complete the specified courses listed below with a "C" average (GPA of 2.00) or better. A grade of "C" or higher is required in each DAT course to progress in the program. All coursework must be passed.

Minimum admission requirements (in addition to general admission requirements):

Attain a 17 or better composite score on the ACT;

Or

Score a 70 or above on the ACCUPLACER Reading Section and a 60 or above on the Arithmetic Section;

Or

Complete 15 semester hours with a "C" average or above at an accredited college or university with six (6) of the hours being awarded in English Composition I (ENG 1113) and Public Speaking (SPT 1113). Developmental coursework does not satisfy this requirement;

And

Have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 ("C" average) on all previous college coursework;

And

Attend a DAT Information Session offered in late spring. Students will receive notice from the Registrar's Office about scheduling their Information Session.

The DAT Admissions Committee will select each year's class from the pool of applicants who meet minimum admission requirements. Any application with incomplete records will not be considered for admission. The admission process is competitive, and completion of minimum requirements is not a guarantee of admission. Priority consideration for admission will be given as follows: (1) In-district students who complete program prerequisites and/or general education coursework at MCC; (2) Out-of-district students who complete program prerequisites and/or general education coursework at MCC; (3) Mississippi residents who complete program prerequisites and/or general education coursework elsewhere; (4) Out-of-state students. Check with the Health Education Advisor for selection details and deadlines.

After program admission and prior to beginning of class, students must begin a three-part Hepatitis-B vaccination (or present physician's statement stating that this vaccination is not advisable) and have a current CPR card not expiring while the students are in the program. Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR. A Mantoux Two-Step TB Skin Test and a Drug Screening Test will be scheduled after classes begin.

Course of Study

| First Semester | Hours | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| SPT 1113 | Public Speaking | 3 |
| DAT 1111 | Dental Orientation | 1 |
| DAT 1214 | Dental Assisting Materials | 4 |
| DAT 1313 | Dental Science I | 3 |
| DAT 1415 | Chairside Assisting I | 5 |
| DAT 1514 | Dental Radiology I | 4 |
| DAT 1911 | Dental Seminar I | 1 |
| | Semester Hours | 21 |
| Second Semester | | |
| | Hours | |
| DAT 1323 | Dental Science II | 3 |
| DAT 1423 | Chairside Assisting II | 3 |
| DAT 1522 | Dental Radiology II | 2 |
| DAT 1612 | Dental Health Education | 2 |
| DAT 1714 | Practice Management | 4 |
| DAT 1815 | Clinical Experience I | 5 |
| DAT 1921 | Dental Seminar II | 1 |
| | Semester Hours | 20 |
| Third Semester | | |
| | Hours | |
| ENG 1113 | English Composition I | 3 |
| DAT 1822 | Clinical Experience II | 2 |
| DAT 1433 | Chairside Assisting III | 3 |
| | Semester Hours | 8 |
| | Total Semester Hours | 49 |
