

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

DENTAL HEALTH

(66 hrs. min.)

CIP: 51.0601

School of Health and Sciences, (505) 428-1258

The A.A.S. degree provides the dental assisting major with additional career and educational opportunities in dental health. The program includes all of the course work required for the Certificate in Dental Assisting, which is accredited by the American Dental Association. The objective of the A.A.S. degree is to enhance an individual's employment opportunities in dental office management or in teaching dental assisting. Some dental institutions have developed upper-division programs that recognize the A.A.S. degree for transfer of credits.

NOTE: A.A.S. degrees are designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in specific occupations; they are generally not intended to transfer to four-year institutions. For more information on transfer, please refer to Page 34 of this catalog, or speak with an academic adviser.

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES:

ENGL 109 English Review (4)
MATH 102 Basic Algebra (4)
EMSI 151L Basic Life Support – CPR (.25)

[or]

Copy of current CPR certificate (front and back)

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: (29 HRS.)

Communications (6 hrs.)

ENGL 111 Composition and Rhetoric (3)
SPCH 220 Interpersonal Communication (3)

[or]

SPCH 225 Small-Group Communication (3)

Math (3 hrs.)

BSAD 112 Business Math (3) (or any equal or higher MATH)

Science (8 hrs.)

BIOL 123 Biology for Health Sciences (3)

[and]

BIOL 123L Biology for Health Sciences Lab (1)

[or]

BIOL 201 Cell Biology (3)

[and]

BIOL 201L Cell Biology Lab (1)

CHEM 111 Introduction to Chemistry (3)

[and]

CHEM 111L Introduction to Chemistry Lab (1)

Social/Behavioral Sciences (3 hrs.)

PSYC 111 Psychology I (3)

[or]

PSYC 130 Applied Health Psychology (3)

[or]

SOCI 111 Introduction to Sociology (3)

Humanities and Fine Arts (3 hrs.)

SPAN 152 Spanish for Medical Personnel (3)

[or]

Humanities course (3)

Computers/Technology (4 hrs.)

CITC 111 Computers and Technology (4)

[or]

OFTC 111 Business Software Essentials I (4)

Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) or Dance (2 hrs.)

CORE REQUIREMENTS: (34 HRS.)

DAST 121 Dental Assisting I (2)

DAST 122 Dental Materials (2)

DAST 122L Dental Materials Lab (1)

DAST 123 Dental Radiography I (2)

DAST 123L Dental Radiography I Lab (1)

DAST 124 Dental Sciences I (3)

DAST 125 Clinical Procedures I (2)

DAST 125L Clinical Procedures I Lab (1)

DAST 131 Dental Sciences II (4)

DAST 133 Practice Management (2)

DAST 134 Clinical Procedures II (2)

DAST 134L Clinical Procedures II Lab (2)

DAST 141 Dental Education Issues (1)

DAST 193 Dental Assisting Practicum I (2)

DAST 222 Community Dental Health (2)

DAST 293 Dental Practicum II (5)

APPROVED ELECTIVES: (3 HRS. MIN.)

Choose from the following:

BIOL 130 Anatomy and Physiology I: Health Sciences (3)

[and]

BIOL 130L Anatomy and Physiology I Lab: Health Sciences (1)

EDUC 203 Curriculum and Assessment (3)

EMSI 151L Basic Life Support – CPR (.25)

NOTE: See “College Success Course Requirement” on Page 10.

TOTAL 66 CREDITS MIN.