**DANCE**

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:**
Teacher  
Performer in Dance Companies  
Performer on Television and Films  
Choreographer  

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

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CHOREOGRAPHY OR PERFORMANCE EMPHASIS

Optional: For students wishing additional dance experience in the areas of choreography or performance.

- **DANC 120** Partnering for Dance 2
- **DANC 130** Choreography 2
- **DANC 131** Dance Notation 3
- **DANC 133** Dance Production 2
- **DANC 134** Dance Performance 2
- **DANC 136** Dance Repertory 2

RECOMMENDED ELECTIVE COURSES

- **DANC 50** Individualized Dance Development 1
- **DANC 107** Ballet Variations 2
- **DANC 109** Introduction to Dance Cultures of the World 2
- **DANC 121** Latin Social 2
- **DANC 122** Middle Eastern Dance 2
- **DANC 123** African Dance 2
- **DANC 124** Hip Hop Dance 2
- **DANC 125** Introduction to Ballroom Dance 2
- **DANC 132** Dance of Digital Technology 3
- **DANC 135** Dance Workshop 2
- **DANC 140** Beginning Jazz Dance 2
- **DANC 141** Intermediate Jazz Dance 2
- **DANC 142** Beginning Tap Dance 2
- **DANC 143** Intermediate Tap Dance 2
- **DANC 144** Dance for Musical Theatre 2
- **PE 138** Yoga 1
- **PE 139** Pilates Conditioning 1

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Complete the above major requirements and all A.A. Degree education requirements for a total of at least 60 units.

DENTAL ASSISTING

Curriculum leads to a Certificate of Achievement and eligibility to write both the California State Board Examination as a Registered Dental Assistant and the National Certifying Board Examination as a Certified Dental Assistant.

PROGRAM MISSION

In addition to the philosophy of the College, the mission of the Dental Assisting Department is to provide the community with Registered Dental Assistants who are capable of working with the dental team to attain the shared goal of providing the best possible care for their patients.

PROGRAM GOALS

1. To prepare the dental assisting student for employment as a dental health care professional.
2. To prepare the dental assisting student to be a safe and competent dental health care professional by being in compliance with both Federal and California State standards and regulations.
3. To provide the dental assisting student with academic knowledge and skill competence to qualify for both California and National Certification examinations.
4. To provide curriculum that will offer opportunities for the student to develop competency in basic business office procedures.
5. To provide the student with opportunities to develop competency in the use of safety techniques, exposing, developing and mounting of radio graphs.
6. Upon satisfactory completion of the radiation course, provide the student with California State radiation certification.
7. To provide the student with opportunities to qualify for coronal polishing certification.
8. To provide the student with opportunities to qualify for Pit and Fissure Sealant certification.
9. To encourage the dental assisting student to develop a sense of responsibility and accountability in his/her professional role as a dental assistant.
10. To encourage the commitment by the dental assisting student to continue his/her education which assures professional and personal development throughout his/her career in the profession of dental assisting.

LENGTH AND KIND OF PROGRAM

The program is three terms in length (Fall, Spring, and six-week Summer Session). General Education and Dental Assisting classes are scheduled on the college campus and clinical experiences in patient care are scheduled at selected dental schools and private dental offices.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Academic requirements
   a. High school graduation or satisfactory scores on the General Education Development (GED) examination (given at most adult education centers).
   b. A 2.0 grade point average in all high school and college courses. If high school GPA is less than 2.0, at least 12 units of college course work with a GPA of 2.0 or higher is required.
   c. Completion of ENGL 20 or equivalent with a grade of “C” or higher, or a score on the English Assessment/Placement test sufficient for placement in ENGL 52 or higher.

APPLICATION & ADMISSION PROCEDURES

1. Applicants must submit to the Health Occupations Division the following items no later than May 15, unless noted otherwise:
   a. Completed application signed by the applicant and returned by May 15.
   b. High school (or equivalent) and college transcripts of all work completed. Unofficial transcripts can be submitted with application. Official transcripts must be submitted prior to the completion of the first semester of the program.
   c. Cerritos College English Placement/Assessment test scores or indication by a counselor that English clearance has been met through equivalent courses or activities.
   d. Applicants completing admission requirements during the spring session must submit a final grade to the Health Occupations Division before May 30.
   e. Verification of typing/keyboarding (computer) high school course with a “B” or higher or college course with a “C” or higher. Alternative: applicants may demonstrate competence through testing proficiencies verifying typing skills at a speed of 45 wpm. This may be achieved concurrent with the program.
f. Verification of dental employment work experience (if applicable).
2. Applicants who meet the minimum admission requirements are assigned a number for admission by a randomized computer selection process.
3. Notification of admission to the program will be done by mail after May 30.
4. Admitted students and alternates will be required to attend a mandatory orientation meeting in July. During the orientation, information will be given regarding textbooks, uniforms, registration procedures, and other relevant matters.

HEALTH
1. Physical exam and immunizations records must be completed during the first semester of the program. All costs are the responsibility of the student.
2. A valid Healthcare Provider Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification must be obtained after acceptance into the program and before the second week of the fall semester. It must be obtained through an American Heart Association Provider. The CPR card must be valid throughout the program.
3. Applicants must present evidence of physical fitness and ability to perform tasks required of a dental assistant. Employment in this field requires good vision, hearing, and the ability to communicate verbally, nonverbally, and through written word. Students must have the ability to comprehend, analyze, and evaluate patients' charts in order to provide appropriate treatment. Students must be able to record in the patients' charts and have manual dexterity to use small instruments to provide patient care.
4. The essential requirements of a dental assistant are used in consideration of admission, retention and graduation from the Cerritos College program. Graduates are expected to be fully qualified to enter the profession as an Assistant. It is the responsibility of the student with disabilities to contact the Disabled Student Programs and Services Office and provide verification of the disability and resulting limitations. Students are responsible to make advance request for those accommodations that he or she feel are reasonable and needed to execute the essential requirements described above.

EXPENSES
1. See Cerritos College Catalog for complete list of Cerritos College enrollment fees and out-of-state resident fees.
2. Students may expect to pay approximately $1,500 for dental assisting project fees, uniforms, and books.
3. Students are responsible for their own living accommodations, including uniform laundry and transportation to extended campuses.
4. Physical exam and immunization expenses are the student's responsibility.
5. Upon successful completion of program requirements, the student is eligible to take the State Board Registered Dental Assisting exam and the National Certified Dental Assisting exam (approximately $725 - costs incurred by student).
6. Upon successful completion of all program requirements, the student will be eligible to receive and wear the Dental Assisting pin which is given at a graduation ceremony. The cost of the pin is incurred by the student.

ATTENDANCE, SCHOLARSHIP, PROMOTION
1. Attendance: Due to the nature of the Dental Assisting program all students are expected to observe the attendance requirements set by the Dental Assisting department at Cerritos College (see student handbook).
2. Scholarship and Promotion: Students are required to maintain a “C” or higher in each course in order to progress in the program.

GUIDELINES FOR WITHDRAWAL, DISMISSAL, AND REINSTATEMENT
1. Withdrawal
a. Withdrawal (“W”) may be initiated by either the student or the instructor. Dates for withdrawal without a grade are indicated in the Cerritos College Schedule of Classes.
b. When a student is failing clinically, he/she will be encouraged to withdraw from the course. If the clinical failure is related to unsafe clinical practice, and the student does not withdraw when advised to do so, the instructor shall drop the student from the course. A student who has withdrawn or been dropped from a course may not attend after the withdrawal date.
2. Dismissal (Failure) - Criteria for dismissal from course or program may include:
   a. Final grade below “C” in required dental assisting course.
   b. Failure to meet attendance requirements.
   c. Behavior not consistent with Dental Assisting Code of Ethics and the department’s "Code of Ethics and Responsibilities".
   d. Failure to comply with established Cerritos College or Dental Assisting department regulations and policies.
   e. Failure to meet stated objectives in the coursework.
   f. Placing self or others in physical and/or emotional jeopardy.
   g. In critical cases, such as unsafe clinical performance, dismissal may occur without prior warning or probation. This action requires the concurrence of the Dental Assisting Program Director, Instructional Dean of Health Occupations and/or Vice President of Academic Affairs.
3. Reinstatement
   a. Students applying for readmission to the Dental Assisting Program after withdrawal or dismissal must write a letter requesting readmission, addressed to the Director of the Dental Assisting Program.
   b. Following information must be included in the letter:
      1) Circumstances surrounding the withdrawal or dismissal
      2) Activities pursued in the interim that demonstrate improvement in the problem areas
      3) Reason for requesting readmission
      4) School term for which readmission is requested
   c. Students seeking readmission after one withdrawal/ dismissal from the Cerritos College Dental Assisting Program/course will be reinstated contingent upon lab space availability in the priority order of date and time the readmission request is received in the Dental Assisting Department.
   d. Readmission request letters will be accepted only after letters from the program director have been mailed acknowledging student withdrawal or dismissal. These letters are mailed after the end of the school term in
which the withdrawal occurred and are mailed at the same time to all students who did not successfully complete the term. All students requesting readmission will have equal opportunity to apply for space available.

e. No student shall be reinstated after two withdrawals/dismissals from the Cerritos College Dental Assisting Program/course. A student who has acquired two withdrawals/dismissals shall have exceeded the repeat policy of the program and shall have no further chance of reentry.

f. A student who withdraws from the program for personal reasons (e.g. pregnancy, illness, family crisis, financial difficulties, etc.) will be given additional consideration through faculty review, upon the student's request describing such reasons.

GRADUATION
1. Graduation Requirements:
   a. Completion of all Dental Assisting course work with a grade of "C" or higher.
   b. Verification of typing/computer proficiency.
   c. Completion of ENGL 52, or equivalent, with a grade of a "C" or higher or satisfactory completion of the English Placement Process with eligibility for ENGL 100.

LICENSURE
The State of California Board of Dental Auxiliaries requires all applicants for the RDA Exam to:
1. Supply their U.S. Social Security Number
2. Complete a Non-Live Scan Fingerprint record
   a. If the applicant has been convicted or plead guilty to any crime in the USA, its territories, military court or foreign country which includes a plea of no contest or any conviction that has been set aside or deferred pursuant to sections 1000 or 1203.4 of the Penal Code, including infractions, misdemeanors, and felonies must provide detail information regarding the conviction to complete the processing of the application and the State will determine if the individual does qualify to take the RDA exam.

DISCLAIMER
The program has made every reasonable effort to determine that everything stated in the catalog is accurate. Matters contained herein, are subject to change without notice by the administration of the department for reasons related to student enrollment, level of financial support or for any reason, at the discretion of the Program. The Program further reserves the right to add, amend or repeal any of the rules, regulations, policies and procedures, consistent with applicable law.

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CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT
To qualify for the Certificate of Achievement students must:
1. Complete all Dental Assisting course work with a grade of “C” or higher.
2. Provide verification of typing/computer proficiency.
3. Complete ENGL 52, or equivalent, with a grade of a “C” or higher or attain a satisfactory score on the English assessment test.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
(May be taken prior to or following Certificate of Achievement)
Meet all the requirements as listed for the Certificate of Achievement in Dental Assisting. For an A.A. Degree, a student must also take electives and General Education to achieve a minimum of 60 units. Students interested in the Dental Hygiene program should consider enrolling in: A&P 200 and A&P 201 (or A&P 150 and A&P 151). CHEM 100, HO 152, and MICR 200.

DENTAL HYGIENE

A registered dental hygienist is a preventive oral health professional licensed in dental hygiene who provides educational, clinical and therapeutic services supporting total health through the promotion of optimal oral health.

The Dental Hygiene Program is a two-year degree program and includes one summer session. Upon completion of the program, graduating students will receive an Associate in Arts Degree in Dental Hygiene and will qualify to take the National and State Board Dental Hygiene Examinations. Successful passage of the examinations qualifies the graduate to practice dental hygiene in the State of California.

A career in dental hygiene offers multiple opportunities in a variety of settings. A registered dental hygienist may work in such practice settings as: private dental offices and dental clinics; federal, state and local health departments or associated institutions; hospitals and nursing homes; school districts or departments of education; educational programs for dental, dental hygiene and dental assisting students; private business/industry; correctional facilities; private and public centers for pediatric, geriatric and other individuals/groups with special needs; or health maintenance organizations.

Applicants desiring employment in this field are required to have good vision and the ability to communicate orally. In addition, they must have the capacity to comprehend, analyze, evaluate and record in patients’ charts, and have the dexterity to use small dental instruments to provide dental hygiene care.
GOALS AND PROGRAM COMPETENCIES
The philosophy of the Associate Degree Dental Hygiene Program was developed to reflect the philosophy of Cerritos College.

The Dental Hygiene Department believes the program should provide opportunities for the student to reach her/his greatest potential in the profession of dental hygiene so she/he may achieve a sense of dignity, value, and personal worth in the community and in the world of work regardless of age, gender, or ethnicity.

The goals of the dental hygiene program are as follows:

I. To graduate an individual who is competent in providing preventive, educational, and therapeutic dental health services.
   A. Graduates must be competent in providing dental hygiene care for the child, adolescent, adult, geriatric, and medically compromised patient.
   B. Graduates must be competent in providing the dental hygiene process of care which includes assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation.
   C. Graduates must be competent in providing dental hygiene care for the child, adolescent, adult, geriatric, and medically compromised patient.
   D. Graduates must be competent in providing appropriate life support measure for medical emergencies that may be encountered in dental hygiene practice.

II. To instill within the student a philosophical appreciation of ethical and moral values suited to the laws of the community as outlined by the American Dental Hygienist's Association and the American Dental Association.
   A. Graduates must be competent in applying ethical, legal, and regulatory concepts to the provision and/or support of oral health care services.

III. To encourage the student to develop professional behavior that is founded in evidence-based decision making, self-directed learning, and self-assessment to enhance professional competence.
   A. Graduates must be competent in the application of self-assessment skills to prepare them for life-long learning.
   B. Graduates must be competent in the evaluation of current scientific literature.
   C. Graduates must be competent in problem solving strategies related to comprehensive patient care and management of patients.

IV. To graduate an individual who is competent in providing health education programs to the community supporting total health through the promotion of optimal oral health.
   A. Graduates must be competent in interpersonal and communication skills to effectively interact with diverse population groups.
   B. Graduates must be competent in assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating community-based oral health programs including health promotion and disease prevention activities.

V. To promote patient satisfaction of the dental hygiene care provided by the student clinician.

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
I. PREREQUISITES
   A. CHEM 100, A&P 200, A&P 201, (or A&P 150 and A&P 151), HOS 152 and MICRO 200 or equivalent with grades of Pass or "C" or higher.
   B. The acceptance of college work previously completed is at the discretion of Cerritos College and the Dental Hygiene Department. Factors such as elapsed time since the course was completed and grades will be used in determining whether a previously completed course can be accepted towards fulfillment of the graduation requirement. Five years is usually considered maximum elapsed time.
   C. Graduates of foreign dental and dental hygiene programs will not be given priority. Recency of course work still applies.
   D. In an attempt to increase eligibility by repeating a prerequisite course to obtain a higher grade, the Dental Hygiene Department will allow any prerequisite course to be repeated a maximum of ONE time, and will accept the higher of the two grades earned.
   E. A valid CPR certification including health care provider cardiopulmonary resuscitation with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is required prior to enrolling in Dental Hygiene program courses and must be kept current. CPR courses approved by the State Board are given through the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross.

II. REQUIRED TESTS AND INFORMATION
   A. Cerritos College Assessment Tests Battery
      Receive satisfactory scores on the Cerritos College Assessment/Placement Tests or achieve clearance by taking the appropriate college courses. A 12th grade reading level is required for admission into the program. Students must have clearance for ENGL 100, MATH 80, and READ 54 or equivalent.
   B. Preliminary Transcript Evaluation
      It is the student's responsibility to make an appointment with the Counseling Department at Cerritos College to verify equivalent prerequisites and other courses required in the program. The Preliminary Transcript Evaluation must be filled out and signed by a Cerritos College counselor and then submitted to the Health Occupations Division Office along with your Dental Hygiene application. To complete this procedure, the student must have official copies of all transcripts from previously attended colleges and documentation of courses in progress.
   C. Application forms
      If not presently enrolled in courses at Cerritos College, apply for admission to the college at the Admissions and Records Office in the Administration building or apply online at www.cerritos.edu. You will be assigned a student number which you will need to make an appointment with a Dental Hygiene counselor or to attend an application workshop.
   D. Work Experience
      For every related work experience listed, a Verification of Dental Employment form must be completed and mailed to the Health Occupations Division Office. Additional forms are available upon request in the Health Occupations Division Office or online at www.cerritos.edu (dental hygiene). Letters of recommendation are not considered.
III. SELECTION PROCEDURES
A. Academic evaluation
1. All required documents, including Dental Hygiene application, preliminary transcript evaluation, verification of dental employment forms, copy of RDA or RDAEF License, ALL official college transcripts, and work-in-progress must be in our possession in the Health Occupations Division Office, by April 1 (of the year of application). It is the applicants responsibility to verify all information has been received by the deadline.
2. Points will be earned for the following criteria:
   a. Grade Point Average in prerequisites
   b. Number of units completed up to 60 semester units
   c. Overall Grade Point Average for all college courses
   d. Additional science courses with a grade of “B” or higher
   e. Related dental work experience
3. Selection will be based upon academic evaluation and data obtained from the application forms. Candidates will be notified of their application status by mail during the month of May.

B. Health Forms
Physical examinations, immunization, TB testing and background checks are required prior to patient care and the licensure examinations. Health and immunization forms will be issued to those applicants who are accepted in the program. Dental health professionals may be exposed to contagious diseases therefore strict compliance with CDC and OSHA standards are maintained. Policies on bloodborne and infectious diseases are available upon request from the Dental Hygiene Department or can be found on the Dental Hygiene website.

IV. EXPENSES
A. See Cerritos College catalog for enrollment and out-of-state resident fees.
B. The student may expect to spend approximately $12,000 for books and instruments, equipment, uniforms, immunizations, and miscellaneous fees. Students are strongly encouraged to join the Student American Dental Hygienists’ Association (SADHA) ($65.00 annually). Fees are subject to change.
C. Students are responsible for their own living arrangements, uniform, laundry, and transportation to clinical agencies.

V. SCHOLARSHIP, ATTENDANCE, PROMOTION, GRADUATION
A. Attendance
   All students are required to observe the attendance requirements of the college. Due to the nature of the Dental Hygiene program it is expected that student will attend all classes.
B. Scholarship and Promotion
   Students are required to maintain a grade of “C” or higher in each dental hygiene and dental education course in order to progress in the program. Courses are designed to prepare the student to successfully complete program competencies. Grade requirements of the college are to be met for all other courses.
C. Graduation
   Petition for graduation will be permitted if the student meets both the College and the Dental Hygiene program requirements for graduation. Upon completion of the program the graduate will be qualified to take the Dental Hygiene National Board and the California State Board Examinations.

VI. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS
A. Clinical placements are a mandatory component of the curriculum and may require clearance of a criminal background check. Students who do not clear agency requirements are not eligible for clinical placement and will, consequently, be ineligible to continue in the program. If there is any concern regarding clearance of a criminal background check, please contact the Health Occupations Division for additional information.
B. Applicants for examination of licensure in the State of California must be fingerprinted and report information related to illegal use of controlled substances, infectious or contagious diseases and any convictions or pleas of no contender even if charges are dismissed. In addition, the application requires specific information related to convictions, misdemeanor or felony, associated with state or federal action. If there is any concern that may prevent licensure after graduation, direct inquiries to the State Board of Dental Examiners, Committee on Auxiliaries, 1428 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825, prior to applying to the program.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
   Please note, the Dental Hygiene Program requires the student to take as many as seven courses during any one semester. Consequently, commitment to a rigorous study schedule is imperative.

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The following requirements also must be completed to qualify for the A.A. Degree:

General Introductory Psychology (PSYC 101)
Freshman Composition (ENGL 100)
Speech (SPCH 100, 130, 132, 150 or 235)
American Political Institutions (POL 101 or 201) OR
History (HIST 101, 201, 202, 220, and 221)
Introductory Sociology Principles (SOC 101, 201, 210, 215, PHIL 104,
ANTH 100 or 101)
*Humanities OR Fine Arts (3 units)

*See Cerritos College General Education requirements for the appropriate lists of courses acceptable for meeting the Humanities and Fine Arts Requirements.