



Fall 2024 Admission Information Dental Assisting Certificate for High School Applicants (DA01)

The MCC Dental Assisting Certificate (DA01) program for incoming high school seniors is offered every fall semester; approximately 2 - 4 high school students are admitted to DA01. All applicants meeting the minimum admission requirements by the application deadline will be considered (see “Admission Requirements” below).

Applicants who are not selected for the upcoming semester, do not meet the admission requirements, or who apply after the deadline will be admitted into another program at MCC (Health Studies Clinical Track or Liberal Arts General Studies) and will have the opportunity to work with an academic advisor to select appropriate courses for possible admission into the program for a future semester. Students will benefit from reviewing the occupational information via [O*NET](#). Shadowing a dental assistant prior to application is highly recommended.

Application Deadline and Notification

The deadline for Fall 2024 is **January 31, 2024**. Admission notifications will be sent by **March 15, 2024**.

How to Apply

- Complete the [MCC application](#) by January 31, 2024.
- All official transcripts must be submitted by the January 31st date to be considered. This includes high school transcripts, AP or IB score reports (if applicable), and college transcripts (if applicable; i.e. dual credit coursework taken at other institutions).

Admission Requirements

- Expected High School graduate by June 30, 2024. Students selected for the program who do not meet the graduation requirement may have admission into Dental Assisting revoked and can reapply for the following year.
- High School GPA of 80% or higher OR ELA Regents exam score of 76% or higher.
- New York State resident or, if international, must reside in NYS.

Selection Criteria

When the number of applicants exceeds the number of available seats in the Dental Assisting program, students will be selected based on a random number generator/lottery system.

Additional Notes Regarding Admission

- Admission is conditional upon completion of medical requirements, clearance of existing health problem(s), and ability to meet essential functions (physical and mental demands) of the program. See requirements at: [Health Services](#) and [Dental Studies Technical Standards & Essential Functions](#).
- If admitted to the program, the student's class schedule will be assigned by the department. Students must be available to take classes during the day and evening.
- If admitted to the program, students **MUST** have CPR – Health Care Provider (with AED) provided by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association by August 15th. Online courses not accepted. Course can be arranged on campus by Dental Studies during the summer via the Health Professions Program.

- Students will be required to complete shadowing and external apprenticeships at local dental offices and/or clinics to meet all competency requirements, and therefore must have reliable transportation to and from those sites.
- Students are required to recruit patients in order to meet Dental Radiography clinical requirements.
- Students who have previously been matriculated in the Dental Assisting program at MCC or another institution should refer to the re-admission policy as described in the [Dental Assisting program description](#).
- To remain in the program students must receive a grade of C or better in all courses prefixed DAS and DEN.
- Students who are admitted into Dental Hygiene after completing MCC's Dental Assisting On-Campus or DART program will be required to audit DEN 111. The following courses will seamlessly transfer into the Dental Hygiene program if taken within 3 years and passed with a C or better: DEN 113, DEN 211, and DEN 227.