

Fall 2027 Admission Information

Dental Assisting Certificate for High School Applicants (DA01)

MCC's one-year [Dental Assisting certificate program](#) (DA01) prepares students for entry-level employment within the dental industry. Students are taught to perform chairside assisting, related laboratory and office procedures and all delegable expanded functions permitted by the State Education Department. Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board examination.

- The program is offered in the fall semester only. There are 2-4 seats available for incoming high school graduates each fall semester.
- Applicants must meet all admission requirements and apply by the deadline to be eligible for the program. **The application deadline is January 31.**
- Students are strongly encouraged to meet with an admissions representative when planning for this program.

Admission Requirements

- Expected High School graduation by June 30th. Admitted students who do not meet the graduation requirement may have admission into Dental Assisting revoked.
- High School GPA of 80% or higher or ELA Regents exam score of 76% or higher.
- New York State residency or, if international, must reside in NYS.

Selection Criteria

- If the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of seats available, a lottery system (random number generator) will be used to determine admission.
- Students who are not admitted directly to DA01 will be admitted to the Health Studies Clinical Track degree program (HS03) and can work with their assigned success coach to take classes and reapply for future admission.

Important Program Policies

- If admitted to the program, the student's class schedule will be assigned by the Dental Studies Department. Students must be available to take classes during the day and evening.
- 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.
- Admission is conditional on medical clearance and the ability to meet the program's essential functions. More information: [Dental Studies Technical Standards & Essential Functions](#) and [Health Services](#).
- Admitted students **must** complete CPR for the Health Care Provider (with AED) provided by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association by August 15. Online courses are not accepted. Course can be arranged on campus during the summer via the Health Professions Department.
- Students are required to recruit patients in order to meet Dental Radiography clinical requirements.

How to Apply

- Please apply via [MCC's online application](#) and select DA01 as the program. The application is available mid-September, and the application deadline for this program is **January 31**. Admission decisions are made by March 15.

While every effort is made to ensure that information in this guide is accurate, admission requirements and policies are subject to change. *This information is a guide and is not meant to take the place of meeting with an admissions representative.* Updated June 2026.