MCC's Dental Assisting Certificate program is offered every Fall semester; approximately 16-20 students are admitted each year. 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 admission requirements, or who apply after the deadline will be admitted into another program (i.e. Health Studies Clinical Track or Liberal Arts General Studies) and are encouraged to work with an academic advisor toward their goal. Students will benefit from reviewing MCC's Dental Assisting On-Campus program information, as well as occupational information via O*NET. Shadowing a dental assistant prior to application is highly recommended.

Application Deadline and Notification

The application is available mid-September. The deadline for Fall 2024 is **January 31, 2024**. Admission notifications will be sent by **March 15, 2024**.

How to Apply

- Currently enrolled, matriculated students are required to apply online by submitting a major change request for DA01 (sign-in to myMCC, Student Home or Academic Plan tile, Change Major link).
- New, transfer, returning, and non-matriculated students are required to apply through the Admissions Office by completing an Admissions Application.
- Students must reapply each year if not selected for the upcoming semester or if declining/deferring admission.

Admission Requirements

- High school diploma or GED prior to the application deadline date
- 2.0 cumulative GPA required (*please note: cumulative GPA is calculated using all credit bearing coursework from other colleges; students who have previously attended MCC must have a 2.0 or higher at MCC, even if they meet the GPA requirement through credits at another institution*)
- Applicants must have an ENG 101 placement OR have completed ENG 101 or 200 with a C or better. Applicants who will be enrolled in ESL 201, TRS 090/091, or ENG 101 with corequisite TRS 099 during the spring semester should consult with an advisor.
- New York State resident or, if international, must have resided in NYS for at least one year.
- All official transcripts, including high school, AP, IB, dual credit, or other institutions, must be on file with the Admissions Office by the application deadline.
- Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Selection Criteria

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

Fall 2024 will be the last year for the lottery system; fall 2025 admission will return to a quality point-based system. Updated information will be posted prior to the fall 2024 semester.

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 on-campus Dental Assisting 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.