



Fall 2022 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. Two high school students are admitted to DA01. All applicants meeting the admission requirements by the application deadline will be considered. MCC maintains a selective and competitive admissions process for this program; see the selection criteria below.

Applicants who are not selected for DA01, do not meet the admission requirements, or who apply after the deadline date will be admitted into another program at MCC (Health Studies-Clinical Track or Liberal Arts) 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. Please refer to the [Dental Assisting admission information](#) for “Current Students.”

Application Deadline and Notification

- The application deadline is January 31, 2022 for Fall of 2022.
- Admission notifications will be mailed by March 15, 2022.

How to Apply

- Complete the [MCC application](#) by January 31, 2022
- 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

Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to the application deadline with a “C” or better. Science courses must include a lab. All high school classes must be at least a one credit course; half credit courses do not meet the required prerequisite. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Please note: Selection will be based upon the grades received on the Regents exam and final course grades for the courses listed below. Regents exams are weighted heavier than local exams, but local level exams will be accepted. Students who were enrolled in one of the prerequisite courses during the 2020/2021 school years (due to COVID) and were exempt from the Regents exam will have their final course grade used in the selection process. Interpretation of the high school prerequisite may also vary based on the school district’s grading policy if a numeric grade is not posted on the high school transcript. For example, in the event that the school district posted “Pass with Distinction/Pass/Fail” grades, only “Pass with Distinction” will be acceptable unless additional documentation from the school district is provided. Please speak to a staff member in Admissions or Advisement to determine prerequisite eligibility.

Students will be ranked according to biology grade.

- High School Living Environment/ Biology
- US citizen or have Permanent Resident Status by the application deadline
- New York State resident

Additional Notes Regarding Admission

- 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 and have reliable transportation to clinical sites.
- 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](#).
- COVID-19 Vaccination will be required of all students entering Dental Assisting per the NYS COVID Vaccine Mandate for any student who participates in a clinical rotation (effective 8/27/21). Very limited Medical exemptions will be allowed. No religious exemptions will be allowed.
- Students are required to recruit patients in order to meet Dental Radiography clinical requirements.
- **Note to Students:** To remain in the program, students must receive a grade of C or better in all courses prefixed DAS and a grade of C- in all courses prefixed DEN. Students who are considering entering the Dental Hygiene Program must receive a grade of C or better in courses prefixed DEN for the courses to transfer. Auditing Den 111, Den 121, Den 211 is mandatory if passed with a C or better and taken over two (2) years prior to program entry; a minimum of 85% attendance in each course is required to remain in the program. Courses aren't offered out of program sequence.