



[DENT-AC; CIP Code 51.0601]

Academic Certificate Program

This academic certificate program prepares students for an expanded functions licensure in one of the fastest growing health care fields with a curriculum introducing them to the profession of dentistry. They will learn all areas of clinical dental assisting and receive training in the professional skills required to function as a dental assistant in a dental practice. Through lecture, laboratory sessions, and clinical rotations, they learn the roles and responsibilities of the dental assistant. Skill development includes policies and guidelines, oral and dental anatomy, infection control, dental radiology, instrument identification and use, and expanded functions. Students must obtain a minimum grade of 'C' in all Dental courses.

This program prepares students to sit for the three components of the Dental Assisting National Board Exams (DANB): Radiation and Safety Examination (RHS); Infection Control (ICE); and General Chairside (GC) which are the three components of the nationally recognized Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification. The DANB exams are administered at Pearson Vue Centers and are not included as part of the cost of this program. In addition to the CDA certification, students will be eligible to apply for their New Jersey Dental Radiology Technologist licensure, and expanded-functions licensure in the State of New Jersey as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA).

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at RCSJ? Visit [RCSJ.edu/Enroll](https://www.rcsj.edu/enroll)
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Dental Assisting, AC

First Semester - Summer

☐ EN 101 *English Composition I	3
☐ SP 101 *Effective Speech or PY 101 *General Psychology	3
☐ DENT 101 Dental Science I	1
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Second Semester - Fall

☐ DENT 102 Dental Science II	2
☐ DENT 105 Chairside Assisting & Expanded Functions I	4
☐ DENT 107 Dental Infection Control & Biomedical Science	3
☐ DENT 110 Dental Radiology	4
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Third Semester - Spring

☐ DENT 205 Chairside Assisting & Expanded Functions II	4
☐ DENT 120 Dental Patient & Practice Management	2
☐ DENT 125 Dental Materials	2
☐ DENT 210 Dental Externship	7
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TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS: 35

Program Notes

* General education courses are transferrable