

# Dental Assisting

This program is offered at **Bakersfield, Fresno, and Visalia.**

## Program Description

This 60 school week program is approved by the Dental Board of California and leads to an Associate of Science degree in Dental Assisting. After successful completion of the program, the student is eligible to apply for and take the Dental Board of California examination for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant. Drug and alcohol testing, criminal history background checks, health screenings and immunizations may all be conditions of acceptance for clinical and extern education in a dental setting. Student will need to be calculus free and show proof thereof, prior to participating in Term 2 and Term 4 courses. Student will be required to complete all health screening and immunization requirements of extern site prior to beginning externship hours. The College will pay for the cost of required screenings and immunizations.



## Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Identify and analyze the laws and regulations of the Dental Board and maintain the standards of an Allied Dental Health Professional.
2. Earn certificates in the following areas of expertise: Coronal Polish, CPR, Infection Control, Pit and Fissure Sealants and Dental Radiology.
3. Perform all direct patient care duties legally assigned to the California Registered Dental Assistant.
4. Assist during commonly practiced dental treatments, including but not limited to, direct and indirect restorations, fixed prosthodontics, endodontics and orthodontic treatment.
5. Meet eligibility requirements to take the California Registered Dental Assistant's State Board examination.
6. Relate and apply concepts of communication, reasoning, critical analysis, ethical behavior and appropriate interpersonal interaction to situations in his or her career and personal life.
7. Demonstrate the social skills, professional appearance, attitudes and behavior that employers expect of all *SJVC* graduates.

## Admission Requirements

Applicant must be age 18 by their expected start date.

The following courses are required to obtain a degree in this field.

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
DA 105	Orientation to Dentistry	5.0
DA 110	Dental Anatomy and Patient Management	5.0
DA 115	Dental Regulations and Pre-Laboratory	5.0
DA 225	Restorative Procedures	5.0
DA 230	Dental Radiology	5.0
DA 305	Prosthodontics and Endodontic Specialties	2.0
DA 310	Periodontic and Oral Surgery Specialties	2.0
DA 315	Pediatric and Orthodontic Specialties	2.0
DA 320*	Dental Practice Management	3.0
DA 405	Preventative Clinical Procedures	4.0
DA 501	Dental Externship and Clinical Experience	3.0
DA 505	RDA Licensure Review Seminar	2.0
ENG 1	Writing and Composition	3.0
MTH 90	Introductory Algebra	3.0
NSC 1	Introduction to the Natural Sciences	3.0
PHIL 1C	Ethics	3.0
PSY 1	General Psychology	3.0
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
<b>A.S. Degree Program Total</b>		<b>61.0</b>

\*This course satisfies the CSS100 graduation requirement.

**For a description of the courses listed above, please see Section 8.**

**Program Graduation Requirements:**

*Students must meet the minimum requirement of the Infection Control, Radiology, Coronal Polish, Pit and Fissure Sealants, CPR and HIPAA components in order to be eligible for graduation.*

