

Dental Assisting

Start a career where a smile makes a difference



SJVC's Dental Assisting (DA) program includes all aspects of working with a dentist, including patient care, office and laboratory duties. Our balance of hands-on experience with classroom instruction covers dental assisting skills and related theory. Whether training for a career chairside or an administrative position, students are well prepared at the program's completion.

Students Learn

- Coronal polishing
- Dental software
- Practice management
- Dental anatomy and sciences

Professional Certifications

Graduates earn an Associate of Science degree and certifications in Sealant, Radiology, CPR, Coronal Polish, and Infection Control, and are eligible to take the Dental Board of California Examination for State Licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA).

SJVC's Dental Assisting program is accredited by the Dental Board of California.

Career Information

Well-trained dental assistants can find work in dental offices and clinics, as well as laboratories and correctional facilities. These skilled professionals are expected to perform the following job duties:

- Provide chairside assistance to the dentist
- Take dental impressions
- Coronal polish and fluoride treatments
- Expose and process x-rays
- Practice infection control procedures
- Apply pit and fissure sealants

Admission Requirements

Admission to the DA program requires:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Wonderlic SLE assessment score of 12 or higher
- Applicant must be age 18 by his/her expected start date

Applicants must have reliable plans for transportation, child care and time to devote to academic work outside of scheduled class hours.



Course Listing		
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
SOC1	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
A.S. Degree Program Total		61.0

Classes for this program are offered in the morning and afternoon Monday through Thursday.

Class Schedule
Monday - Thursday
Morning Session: 7:15am-12:00pm
Afternoon Session: 12:30pm-5:15pm

NOTE: Class times subject to change based on seat availability.

Fresno Campus
295 E. Sierra Avenue
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Consumer Information	
Occupations*	
Dental Assistants (31-9091.00)†	
On-time Completion Rate**	59%
Graduate Placement Rate	76%
Tuition and Fees	\$29,750
Graduate Median Loan Debt	
Title IV HEA Loans	\$18,011
Private Loans	\$0
Institutional Loans	\$0

Statistics for graduate cohort of July 2010 - June 2011

*Visit <http://www.onetcodeconnector.org/ccreport> and enter the reference number† from the Consumer Information table for complete details.

**Percentage of graduates who completed the program in the scheduled 60-week period.

The DA program is offered in:

FRESNO
VISALIA
BAKERSFIELD

Other SJVC Campus locations:

RANCHO CORDOVA
MODESTO
HANFORD
HESPERIA
RANCHO CUCAMONGA
TEMECULA

Program availability varies by campus

