

The New York State Licensed

Dental Assistant

What is a Dental Assistant?

The dental assistant is an important member of the dental health care team. The dental assistant is directly involved in patient care, such as reducing patient anxiety; preparing and sterilizing dental instruments; mixing dental materials; and exchanging instruments to the dentist at chairside during procedures. Other duties may include laboratory and office management duties.

The Alternative Dental Assisting Program (ADAP) provides the education and clinical experience required to be eligible for licensure as a registered dental assistant (RDA) in New York State as a certified licensed dental assistant.

New York State Entrance

Requirements

The ADAP student MUST have a high school diploma or its equivalent and be currently employed as a dental assistant by a New York State licensed dentist who will act as a preceptor for the duration of the ADAP program. 3,500 hours experience is required.

In order to register:

[] High School diploma or its equivalent

[] Currently employed as a dental assistant by a New York State licensed dentist who will act as a preceptor for the duration of the ADAP program.

Students applying for this program who are employed by a specialty practice must secure a second preceptor in a general practice.

[] ADAP agreement

All required forms can also be found at <https://www.hvcc.edu/programs/community-education/adap.html>

Classes are available in both fall and spring semesters.

Registration for Spring Session begins Nov. 2, 2018.

60357 Spring 2019 Session
2/18 - 6/14/19

Registration for Fall Session begins March 6, 2019.

50001 Fall 2019 Session
8/26 - 12/13/19

ADAP

Program Review

The Alternative Dental Assisting Program (ADAP) is a registered program with New York State Education Department. To become a licensed dental assistant, NYS mandates that students take academic courses accepted by NYSED. ADAP is designed specifically for the experienced, unlicensed dental assistant.

This program includes two parts:

- Topic information is presented in an online distance learning format. This format includes 15 modules presented in 15 weeks. This course will provide adequate preparation to take the New York Professional Dental Assisting (NYPDA), Radiation Health & Safety (RHS), and Infection Control (ICE) exams. Or a student may sit for the Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) examination. These exams are administered by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) to become a New York State Registered Dental Assistant (RDA).
- In addition, students are required to complete 1000 hours of dental assisting work experience that will begin on the first day of class. *Please note these clinical hours will continue after the last day of classes and must be completed within five years of the start of the program.

Students are required to submit Skill Competency Evaluation Forms (SCEF) and an attendance form, and must and receive a grade of 75 or better.

Upon receiving Hudson Valley Community College's Dental Assistant Certificate of Completion, the graduate must take the DANB exams and submit an application to the NYS Office of Professions to become an RDA.

Note: A 27-credit online certificate program is available for students who do not meet the requirements to enroll in the ADAP program. For further information regarding the DAST certificate program, contact the Admissions Office at (518) 629-7309.

COST: \$1,050 + Books, Licensing Exam and Licensing Application Fees

Are there any computer requirements?

You must:

- Meet the computer requirements. You will need access to a computer with an Internet connection that meets certain minimum requirements. To test your system for compatibility go to www.hvcc.edu/check and click on Check System and Browser Requirements.

Please be advised that not all of Blackboard's features and functionalities are supported on mobile devices. You still need access to a computer to take an online course.

- Be able to type on the computer to complete papers, e-mails and online discussions. If you cannot type, we recommend you learn how to type before enrolling in an online course.
- Have proficient reading and writing skills. The majority of communication in online learning courses is done in writing.
- Be comfortable using a word processing program such as Microsoft Word or Word Perfect. You should be familiar with sending e-mail and using basic functions such as "copy" and "paste."
- Be able to utilize the Hudson Valley Community College WebMail e-mail system for communication with your instructor and class.
- Be able to budget your time and priorities. Online learning courses are NOT self-paced. They follow the semester calendar as far as registration, mid-terms, finals, etc. Homework and other assignments, tests and quizzes are due on a regular basis.

Continuing Education Units

Note: A student who successfully completed this course (minimum grade of 75) will receive 5.25 Continuing Education Units.

To access the course you will need a username and password from the college. If you are a new student, these credentials will be generated and sent to the permanent address on file with our office after you enroll in the course. If you have any previous relationship with the college and do not have your credentials (username and password) please contact our office to have your password re-set and information mailed to your permanent address.

PLEASE NOTE: Password re-sets cannot be emailed. They are available in person with a photo ID or can be sent to the permanent address on file. This process takes several days so please do not wait until the last minute to be sure you have your log on information at the start of class.