Certificate in Dental Assisting

Program Overview
Job opportunities for Dental Assistants are excellent and are expected to continue to grow. Dental Assistants work closely with dentists, dental hygienists, and the public. If you are responsible, have good interpersonal skills, and have good manual dexterity, a career as a dental assistant may be for you.

At NECC, the Dental Assisting Certificate will provide you with knowledge and practical skills required to work as an entry-level dental assistant. Throughout the program, you will be participating in classroom study, laboratory practice, and clinical experiences. Completion of this program will prepare you to take the Certification Examination for Dental Assistants sponsored by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. Students who successfully pass the exam become Certified Dental Assistants.

Career Opportunities
Graduates will be able to pursue many career paths. You can work in private dental offices or general or specialty practices.
# Courses

## Required Courses

### Year 1, Fall Semester
- DAS101  Dental Assisting I
- DAS102  Dental Materials & Procedures
- DAS111  Dental Radiology I
- DAS120  Dental Science
- ENG101  English Composition I
- PSY101  Introduction to Psychology

### Year 1, Spring Semester
- BIO101  Human Biology
- DAS122  Dental Practice Management
- DAS202  Dental Assisting II
- DAS212  Dental Radiology II
- DAS250  Dental Seminar
- DAS290  Dental Assisting Practicum

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## Getting Started

Ready to get started? It’s easy! Northern Essex has an open admissions policy, which means that if you have a high school diploma or GED/HiSET or other state-approved equivalency credential, you are eligible to enroll at NECC. Just fill out an application, attend an orientation/assessment session, and then register for classes.

## Program Requirements

**Admission Requirements:** The Dental Assisting Program has additional admission requirements. See the Admissions Criteria Packet under Courses and Requirements at www.necc.mass.edu/programs for complete information.

**CORI/CHRI/SORI:** Students interested in participating in this academic program may be required to undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, a Criminal Records Central Repository (CHRI) check and/or a Sex Offender Record Information (SORI) check. For more information, visit www.necc.mass.edu/cori-sori.

Northern Essex Community College is committed to the success of every student. Students with legal issues in their background will meet with a committee as part of the CORI/CHRI/SORI process and will receive guidance and counseling throughout the review of their records. NECC personnel make every effort to help students prepare for careers in their chosen field. Students are encouraged to seek assistance and support.

**Drug screening:** Students enrolled in this academic program may be required to pass a drug screening analysis.

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For more information, visit www.necc.mass.edu/programs or contact Enrollment Services at 978-556-3700.

For more information on program costs and graduation rates, visit www.necc.mass.edu/DAC.