



SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE

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Dental Assisting (DA) Certificate Program Admission Information Packet Class of 2027

SCC Dental Assisting Certificate Program

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<https://healthcare.seattlecentral.edu/programs/dental/dental-assistant-certificate>

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The program in dental assisting is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements”. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission’s web address is: <https://coda.ada.org/>.

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Seattle Central College Dental Assisting Program Application Packet

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Important Dates and Deadlines for Class of 2027

- Application Opens: April 1, 2026
- Application Due: June 22, 2026
- Applicants will all be notified by: June 26, 2026
- Mandatory Orientation: July 10, 2026
- 'Jump Start' Dental Assisting Program Day: September 25, 2026
- First day of classes: September 28, 2026

I. Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the Seattle Central College Dental Assisting Program will:

1. Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior and service to diverse populations.
2. Support evidence-based dental care as a member of the oral healthcare team.
3. Value their responsibility to the community by providing community service and outreach.
4. Appreciate the scientific method, self-assessment, and life-long learning.
5. Achieve personal and professional goals in diverse settings based on the Seattle Central College learning outcomes.

II. Eligibility

To be eligible as an applicant for the Seattle Central College Dental Assisting Program, ALL requirements must be completed by the application deadline (NO EXCEPTIONS).

- High School Diploma or GED
- Eligible for ENGL 98
- Complete online application

Admission to the SCC Dental Assisting program is open to all qualified students regardless of economic or social status and without discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, marital status, beliefs, age, national origin or disability.

Physical demands on a Dental Assistant

The dental assisting profession is extremely demanding physically and requires very fine motor skills and movement.

If you have difficulty in any of the areas listed below, we strongly encourage you to discuss the impact of these difficulties on a career in dental hygiene with your physician.

If you are still concerned after discussing with your physician, we encourage you to make an appointment with the Dental Programs, 206.934.4186, to discuss additional options.

If you have difficulty in any of these areas, we also encourage you to seek information from Accessibility Support Services office to determine if there is a reasonable accommodation available to support your progress in the program.

Visual Acuity

- Acute enough to read small printed labels on medications
- Acute enough to read small numbers on instruments

Hearing Acuity

- Acute enough to hear and understand words spoken when muffled by a mask
- Acute enough to hear blood pressures and heart rate with stethoscope

Speaking Ability

- Verbal expression clear and distinct enough to enunciate dental terminology while wearing a facemask
- Ability to express thoughts clearly

Digital Dexterity

- Agile enough to handle dental instruments with both left and right hands
- Able to bend at the wrist and the elbow

Professionalism

- Able to complete required tasks/functions under stressful conditions
- Self-directed
- Able to interact professionally with all members of the dental team

III. Commitment

The Dental Assisting Program is a vigorous and intense program of study. Success in the program requires major commitment to make studying a priority. Punctuality and class attendance are program requirements, and are essential for course, program, and career success. This includes being present for courses as scheduled, turning in assignments by the deadline, and responding to correspondence from faculty and staff in a timely manner. Students need to have good time management skills as well as assistance with childcare and finances.

As part of the online application, applicants are required to acknowledge the following dental assisting program requirements before the application can be submitted:

- The SCC DA Program is a full-time, 4 quarter program. This means students may have classes and assignments M-F, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, for the fall, winter, spring, and summer quarters.
- Being present for all classes on time is a program requirement, and is essential for course, program, and career success. This includes being present for courses as scheduled, turning in assignments by the deadline, and responding to correspondence from faculty and staff in a timely manner.
- Students must regularly access Canvas course shells and their @seattlecolleges.edu email address
- If I am offered admission to the Seattle Central College Dental Assisting Program, I must complete all of the following in order to be enrolled in classes:
 - Complete a national background check (a link for this will be sent to admitted students)
 - Complete all health compliance requirements (see application packet and correspondence from the Dental Programs)
 - Attend the mandatory orientation session

IV. Campus Locations

Seattle Central College Dental Assisting Program is located at the Health Education Center at the Pacific Tower in Beacon Hill. Beyond the educational and clinical learning experiences at the Health Education Center, students will be required to engage in clinical activities at external sites throughout Seattle.

V. Dental Assisting Program Application Requirements

1. **Read the Seattle Central College Dental Assisting Certificate Program Admission Information Packet**, which is available to view and download at <https://healthcare.seattlecentral.edu/programs/dental/get-started-in-dental-assisting>
2. **Attend a SCC Dental Programs Information Session** (in-person or video conference). See SCC DA Program website for dates and times, and contact DentalPrograms@SeattleColleges.edu for further information.
3. **Apply to Seattle Central College** (<https://seattlecentral.edu/enroll-now>)
 - a. Complete the **SCC directed self-placement** (<https://seattlecentral.edu/enrollment-and-funding/enrollment-and-admissions/placement-for-classes>) for English and Math readiness. Minimum eligibility for Dental Assisting program applicants are:
 - i. High School Diploma or GED
AND
 - ii. ENGL 98
4. **Meet with any of the following Seattle Central College staff persons to help you complete the “Dental Assisting Program Eligibility Form”** (Appendix A in this packet)
 - a. Dental Programs Coordinator: DentalPrograms@seattlecolleges.edu
 - b. Academic Advisor: AdvisorCentral@seattlecolleges.edu
5. **Review and complete the online Dental Assisting Program Application**. (<https://apply.seattlecolleges.edu/dentalassistant>)
 - Contact Information
 - Submit the “Dental Assisting Program Eligibility Form”

VI. Application and Selection Criteria

- Applications are reviewed for completion and eligibility criteria as they are received.
- Up to 24 applicants may be admitted to each Dental Assisting Program cohort.

VII. Admission Procedure

Only students with completed online applications will be considered for admission to the Seattle Central College (SCC) Dental Assisting Program. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that all requirements are satisfied and all required documents are uploaded in the online application for admission.

VIII. Post-Admittance Requirements

After acceptance for admission and before beginning courses, students will receive detailed instructions for meeting each the following mandatory requirements:

1. Complete a national background check.
2. Attend the **mandatory** orientation session.

3. Complete all health requirement compliance:
 - A. Documentation of physical, vision, and hearing exams by a healthcare practitioner
 - B. Documentation of immunization and health status requirements. These requirements are subject to change at any time.

REQUIRED		
<i>Pathogen/Disease</i>	<i>Specification</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
Hepatitis B	Positive titer showing immunity	Lab results
Influenza	1-dose given (during flu season September – June)	Vaccine record
Tuberculin test	2-step tuberculin test OR QuantiFERON®-TB Gold In-Tube test (GFT-GIT) showing no active TB (must be done before entering the program)	Two negative test or lab results [Note: TB test is positive, it is necessary to have a chest x-ray and a TB Assessment signed by a healthcare provider]
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)	Positive titer showing immunity	Lab results
Varicella (chickenpox)	Positive titer showing immunity	Lab results
Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis	1-dose within the last two years or TD within 10 years	Vaccine record
RECOMMENDED (not required)		
<i>Pathogen/Disease</i>	<i>Specification</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
COVID	Full vaccination and annual boosters	Vaccine record

4. Provide proof of current personal health insurance coverage.
5. Provide proof of supplemental professional liability insurance coverage.
6. Acceptance into the Dental Assisting program requires professional membership in the American Dental Assistant’s Association (ADAA)

IX. Reapplication Policy

If an applicant is not accepted into the program and wishes to reapply at the next admission cycle, the applicant should attend another information session and resubmit an application by the deadline. All program requirements must be satisfied prior to submission of the Dental Assisting application. No extra application points will be awarded for reapplications.

X. Reasonable Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Seattle Central College is committed to providing qualified students with a disability an equal opportunity to access the benefits, rights, and privileges of services, programs and activities in an accessible setting appropriate to the student's needs. No student shall, on the basis of her or her disability, be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any Seattle Central College program or activity.

Seattle Central College is committed to providing an accessible setting appropriate to the student's needs, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the disability laws of the State of Washington.

To receive reasonable accommodations, students are responsible both for requesting accommodations and for providing appropriate written documentation as defined in the implementing procedures.

The Accessibility Resource Center on at Seattle Central College shall be responsible for implementation of this policy and the related procedures.

Legal Authority: US Americans with Disabilities Act (P.L. 93–112) and RCW 49.60.

<https://seattlecentral.edu/about/policies-and-procedures/equal-opportunity-institution>

XI. Program Criminal Background Check

Seattle Central College has established a background check procedure, which will be provided to students upon acceptance into the program. Students will be sent a link to have a criminal background check. **This must be completed prior to orientation.** Results from the background check are sent directly to the program by the company conducting them. Clinical facilities may request additional background checks.

XII. Scope and Sequence

SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE
Dental Assisting Program Scope & Sequence

Effective Fall 2024

TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS REQUIRED:

60

PREREQUISITES

- Be eligible for English 098
- High School Diploma or GED

DENTAL ASSISTING CERTIFICATE COURSES:

<i>Quarter 1</i>	<i>Fall</i>	<i>Credits</i>
DAST 110	Introduction to Dental Assisting	1
DAST 111	Foundations of Dental Assisting	6
DAST 112	Pre-Clinical Chairside Procedures	4
DAST 114	Preventive Dentistry	2
AHE 126	Essential Skills in Healthcare	2
		15
<i>Quarter 2</i>	<i>Winter</i>	
DAST 121	Fundamentals of Chairside Practice I	4
DAST 122	Clinical Chairside Procedures I	7
DAST 123	Dental Assisting Law and Ethics	2
DAST 124	Fundamentals of Dental Imaging	2
DAST 125	Dental Imaging Laboratory	2
		17
<i>Quarter 3</i>	<i>Spring</i>	
DAST 131	Fundamentals of Chairside Procedures II	3
DAST 132	Clinical Chairside Procedures II	10
DAST 133	Professional Preparations	2
DAST 113	Dental Practice Management	1
		16
<i>Quarter 4</i>	<i>Summer</i>	
DAST 140	Experiential Dental Assisting	12
		12

XIII. Estimated Program Expenses

Estimated Cost of the Program (updated March 2025)			
Approximate costs for the 4-quarter Dental Assisting Program, based on Washington State resident tuition rates are listed below. Prerequisite course expenses, room and board are not included. (Seattle Central College does not have dormitories.)			
Please keep in mind that these costs are estimated and are subject to change.			
Fee	Estimated Program Total	Quarter	Estimated Quarterly Fees
SCC Tuition (60 units) ^a	\$6362.80	Q1 15 credits	\$1590.70
		Q2 17 credits	\$1716.62
		Q3 16 credits	\$1653.66
		Q4 12 credits	\$1401.82
Lab fees ^b	\$2600.00	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	\$650.00 for each quarter
SCC Student Activity Fee	\$240.00	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	\$60.00 for each quarter
SCC Technology Fee (\$3/credit, max \$54)	\$180.00	Q1	\$45.00
		Q2	\$51.00
		Q3	\$48.00
		Q4	\$36.00
SCC Instructional Technology Fees (\$4.50/credit)	\$67.50	Q1	\$67.50
		Q2	\$76.50
		Q3	\$72.00
		Q4	\$54.00
Miscellaneous fees	\$655.00	Student ID Card	Q1 \$10.00
		Uniform/Shoes	Q1 \$300.00
		Books	Q1 \$300.00
		Liability Insurance	Q1 \$45.00
Estimated Total	\$10,256.80	Q1	\$3068.20
		Q2	\$2503.12
		Q3	\$2483.66
		Q4	\$2201.82

^a Resident tuition rates shown are for the 2025-2026 academic year and are subject to change by the state legislature. Non-resident, international, and veteran tuition rates can be found at: <https://seattlecentral.edu/enrollment-and-funding/enrollment-and-admissions/tuition-and-payment>. All SCC fees are collected when quarterly tuition is due.

^b Lab fee includes labcoats, supplies, and certification exam (CDA Exam administered by DANB).

Appendix A: Dental Assisting Program Eligibility Form

Seattle Central College EFDA Program Application	
Dental Assisting Program Eligibility Form	
After completing the SCC college application and the directed self-placement assessments, make an appointment with one of the following SCC staff to complete this form.	
Dental Programs Coordinator DentalPrograms@seattlecolleges.edu	Academic Advising AdvisorCentral@seattlecolleges.edu
APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant name: _____	SCC Student #: _____
SCC E-mail address: _____@seattlecolleges.edu (note: this email address might not yet be active, but we need to know what it will be if you become a student)	
<input type="checkbox"/> SCC Directed Self-Placement English Assessment course choice: _____	<i>(The minimum course level for DA Applicants is ENGL 98)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma or GED	Must include diploma or high school transcript in online application
APPLICANT ATTESTATION OF INFORMED APPLICATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> Part 1: DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKET	Check box to attest to having read the SCC Dental Assisting Program Application Packet
<input type="checkbox"/> Part 2: INFORMATION SESSION	All applicants to the SCC Dental Assisting Program must participate in an information session. Identify the option you completed:
OPTION 1 In-person or live video SCC Dental Programs Information session on _____ (date)	OPTION 2 Recorded Program Information Session posted on the program website on _____ (date)
<input type="checkbox"/> Part 3: APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DA PROGRAM COMMITMENT	Check the box to acknowledge the following dental assisting program requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The SCC DA Program is a full-time, 4 quarter program. Students may have classes and assignments M-F, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, for the fall, winter, spring, and summer quarters.• Being present for all classes on time is a program requirement, and is essential for course, program, and career success. This includes being present for courses as scheduled, turning in assignments by the deadline, and responding to email from faculty and staff promptly.• Students must regularly access Canvas course shells and @seattlecolleges.edu email address• Students who are offered admission to the Seattle Central College Dental Assisting Program must complete all of the following in order to be enrolled in classes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Complete a background check (a link for this will be sent to admitted students)○ Complete ALL health compliance requirements (see SCC DA application packet)○ Attend the mandatory orientation session	
Name of SCC staff person: _____ Date of meeting: _____	
Applicant signature: _____	