

Dental Assisting – Certified

Semester Course Outline • 2024 – 2025

20 Months (4 Semesters, 1 Summer Session) • Revised: 5/6/24

Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree • Credits Required for Graduation: 70.5

* Optional exit point for Diploma • 11 Months (2 Semesters, 1 Summer Session)

Credits Required: 44.5



Fall Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Clock Hours	Credits
DA 105	Preclinical Science	56	2
DA 110	Dental and Oral Anatomy	45	3
DA 120	Oral Health	84	3
DA 126	Introduction to Patient Care	56	2
DA 135	Dental Materials	84	3
DA 138	Clinical Skills	112	4
CPR 112	Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Workers	8	.5
MA 115	Medical Terminology	45	3
• PSYC 111	Applied Psychology	28	1
Total		518	21.5

Spring Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Clock Hours	Credits
DA 141	Pharmacology and Medical Emergencies	56	2
DA 148	Advanced Clinical Skills	112	4
DA 156	Developing Professional Skills	104	2
DA 165	Dental Radiography I	72	2.5
DA 167	Dental Radiography II	56	2
DA 176	Dental Office Administration	42	1.5
DA 190	Orthodontics	56	2
•• COMM 101	Communications and Career Search Strategies	45	3
Total		543	19

Summer Session

Course Number	Course Title	Clock Hours	Credits
DA 210	Clinical Practice	240	4
Total		240	4

* **Exit point for Diploma Option:** An exit point is intended for those students who do not pursue the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree. These students will receive a Certified Dental Assistant Diploma.

- Students who have previously taken PSYC 100 – Psychology of Human Relations or PSYC 101 – General Psychology do not need to take PSYC 111.
- Students who have previously taken ENGL 101 – Composition do not have to take COMM 101 but will need to register for CMST 101 – Foundations of Communication and CSS 100 – Career Search Strategies. Career Search Strategies is required for all Lake Area Tech graduates and is separate from the university system.

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Students who have previously taken CMST 101 and ENGL 101 will only have to register for CSS 100 as this course is required for all Lake Area Tech graduates and is separate from the university system.



Second Year – Fall Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Clock Hours	Credits
BIOL 221	Human Anatomy *	90	4
ENGL 101	Composition * (CSS 100 – Career Search Strategies .5 credit)	45	3
● MATH Elective	MATH 101 – Intermediate Algebra MATH 114 – College Algebra *	45	3
▪▪ Course Elective		45	3
Total		225	13

Second Year – Spring Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Clock Hours	Credits	
CMST 101	Foundations of Communication * (CSS 100 – Career Search Strategies .5 credit)	45	3	
PSYC 101	General Psychology *	45	3	
▪▪ Course Elective		45	3	
To fulfill the four (4) credits of Science, choose one (1) of the following:				
CHEM 106	Only offered in the Fall Semester	Inorganic Chemistry Lecture *	45	3
CHEM 106L	Only offered in the Spring Semester	Inorganic Chemistry Lab *	45	1
MICRO 231	Only offered in the Spring Semester	General Microbiology *	90	4
Total		225	13	

● Students will select a course in each of the areas listed to meet general education requirements. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) can be transferred directly to the university system and may be substituted for recommended courses on the outline. Students should speak with an advisor before doing so.

▪▪ To fulfill graduation requirements in the A.A.S. degree, students may select a course of their choice.