



Dental Assisting – Certified

Semester Course Outline • 2025 – 2026

20 Months (4 Semesters, 1 Summer Session) • Revised: 1/17/25

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 for Diploma: 44.5

First Year – Fall Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Clock Hours	Credits
DA 105	Preclinical Science	56	2
DA 110	Dental and Oral Anatomy	45	3
DA 115	Medical Terminology for Dental Professionals	15	1
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
• Selected Behavioral Science Course (Choose one) PSYC 100 – Psychology of Human Relations PSYC 101 – General Psychology * (Required for A.A.S. Degree in Dental Hygiene)		45	3
Total		505	21.5

First Year – 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

First Year – 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 will select a course in the area listed to meet general education requirements. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) can be transferred directly to the university system.

•• 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 (General Education Courses. Some courses may be completed prior to enrollment.)

Course Number	Course Title	Clock Hours	Credits
BIOL 221	Human Anatomy *	90	4
ENGL 101	Composition *	45	3
• MATH 103 or MATH 114	Mathematical Reasoning or College Algebra *	45	3
Choose one (1) of the following:			
CSC 102	Window Applications for Technicians	45	3
CHEM 106	Inorganic Chemistry Lecture * (Required for A.A.S. Degree in	45	3
CHEM 106L	Inorganic Chemistry Lab * Dental Hygiene)	45	1
Total		225	13

Second Year – Spring Semester (General Education Courses. Some courses may be completed prior to enrollment.)

Course Number	Course Title	Clock Hours	Credits
CMST 101	Foundations of Communication *	45	3
PHGY 210	Human Physiology *	64	4
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology *	45	3
Choose one (1) of the following:			
ECON 105	Leadership in the Global Workplace	45	3
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics *	45	3
MICRO 231	General Microbiology * (Required for A.A.S. Degree in Dental Hygiene)	90	4
PSYC 251	Abnormal Psychology	45	3
Total		199	13

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