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Therapeutic Services

DENTAL ASSISTANT

(31-508-1)

Technical Diploma

Offered at: Kenosha Campus

Δ Suggested Sequence	✓ Course Number	Course Title	Requisites	Credits	Hrs/Wk Lec - Lab
Semester 1	508-101	* Dental Health Safety	Prereq: CPR Certification (See Notes 4&6)	1	0-2
	508-103	* Dental Radiography	(See Note 4)	2	1-0-3
	508-113	* Dental Materials	(See Note 4)	2	1-2
	508-302	* Dental Chairside	Coreq: 508-101; 508-113; 508-304	5	6-4
	508-304	* Dental and General Anatomy		2	4-0
	508-306	* Dental Assistant Clinicals	Prereq: CPR Certification (See Note 6)	3	0-0-9
	508-307	* Dental Assistant Professionalism	(See Note 1)	1	2-0
Semester 2	508-120	* Dental Office Management	Prereq: 508-307 (See Note 1)	2	2-0
	508-308	* Dental Chairside – Advanced	Prereq: 508-302	5	5-4
	508-309	* Dental Laboratory Procedure	Prereq: 508-113	4	4-4
	508-310	* Dental Radiography – Advanced	Prereq: 508-103	1	0-2
	508-311	* Dental Assistant Clinicals - Advanced	Prereq: 508-306; CPR Certification (See Note 6)	2	0-0-8
	801-301	Writing Principles	Prereq: 851-760 (See Notes 2&5)	1	2-0
	801-302	Speaking Principles	(See Notes 2&5)	1	2-0

Program Total Required 32

The Dental Assistant program is only offered on a full-time basis, Monday through Friday. Travel is required to clinical sites. Students must provide their own transportation.

Federal regulations require disclosure of the following information for this program:

Books and Supplies	Resident Tuition and Fees	Median Loan Debt ¹	On-time Graduation Rate ²	U.S. Department of Labor Standard Occupational (SOC) Code & Occupational Profile – available at http://www.onetonline.org
\$2,000	\$4,850	\$0	0.0%	Dental Assistants (31-9091)

¹ **Median Loan Debt:** Based on eligibility, students can receive loans to help pay for the total cost of attending college. The cost is comprised of tuition and fees, books and supplies, transportation costs, room and board, and miscellaneous personal expenses. Therefore, medial loan debt may be more than the listed tuition, fees, books, and supplies cost.

² **On-time Graduation Rate:** Dependent upon students' choice to attend college part-time or full-time. Students decide to attend college part-time for a number of reasons including work schedule/demands and family responsibilities. 76 percent of students at Gateway attend part-time, therefore taking longer to complete their chosen program of study.



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Dental Assistant program prepares graduates to work with dentists as they examine and treat patients. Dental Assistants with documented skills also may carry out a variety of laboratory, clinical and office duties. Some dental assistants manage the office and are responsible for patient scheduling and bookkeeping functions. Graduates receive a technical diploma and are eligible to write the certification examination of the Dental Assisting National Board. Most dental assistants work in general or specialized dental offices, either for individual dentists or for groups of dentists. Some dental assistants may choose to work for insurance companies, dental laboratories, or dental supply companies. The dental assistant also may find employment with federal agencies such as the Veterans' Administration, United States Public Health Services, the Armed Forces, or a state, county or city health facility.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates of the Dental Assistant Technical Diploma Program should be able to:

1. Collect diagnostic and treatment data
2. Manage infection and hazard control
3. Perform clinical supportive treatments
4. Take diagnostic radiographs
5. Perform dental laboratory procedures
6. Provide patient oral health instruction
7. Assist in managing dental emergencies
8. Model professional behaviors, ethics and appearance
9. Carry out dental office procedures

CORE ABILITIES

Gateway believes students need both technical knowledge and skills and core abilities in order to succeed in a career and in life. The following nine core abilities are the general attitudes and skills promoted and assessed by all Gateway programs. All Gateway graduates should be able to:

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| 1. Act responsibly | 6. Respect themselves and others as a member of a diverse community |
| 2. Communicate clearly and effectively | 7. Think critically and creatively |
| 3. Demonstrate essential comp. skills | 8. Work cooperatively |
| 4. Demonstrate essential math skills | 9. Value learning |
| 5. Develop job seeking skills | |

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Students must submit an application and \$30 fee.
2. Students must complete reading, writing and math placement testing.
3. Students must submit official high school, GED, or HSED transcript including a graduation or passing date.
4. Students must complete a WI residency form.
5. Students must complete a BID and pay a CBC fee.
6. Students must complete a functional ability form verifying they have read and understand the functional abilities for the program.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. 32 Credits with an average of 2.0 or above.
2. *Minimum Grade of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses.
For a complete list of Graduation Requirements check the Student Handbook.

NOTES

1. This course will be taught online. Basic computer literacy and Blackboard knowledge are highly recommended.
2. A satisfactory placement test score (or successful remediation) is required prior to enrollment. See a counselor for details.
3. Any non-508 course may be taken prior to entry in the program, assuming requisites have been satisfied (or waived with departmental approval).
4. Students who have earned a grade of "C"(2.0) or higher in any of these courses and are accepted into a Dental Hygiene program will be considered to have completed the course of the same name for that program in Wisconsin.
5. Students may take Oral/Interpersonal Skills (801-196) in place of these 2 courses – 801-301 & 801-302
6. CPR for the healthcare provider is required and must be presented prior to taking the course.

OTHER INFORMATION

Gateway Technical College reserves the right to modify curriculum requirements for students who interrupt enrollment for a period of two years or take over seven years to complete. Tuition and material fees are determined by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System. Consult the Master Class Schedule for exact fee amounts. Occasionally, the District may offer a particular course out of published sequence. By doing so, the District does not obligate itself to offer succeeding courses out of published sequence.

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You may call Student Services at (262) 767-5300 (Burlington), (262) 741-8300 (Elkhorn), (262) 564-2300 (Kenosha), or (262) 619-6300 (Racine) for additional information. For a complete list of course descriptions (and possible online courses) for this program, please consult Web Advisor on our web page at www.gtc.edu.

My counselor is _____ My counselor's contact information is _____.