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Therapeutic Services

DENTAL ASSISTANT

(31-508-1)

Technical Diploma

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Δ Suggested Sequence	✓	Course Number	Course Title	Requisites	Credits	Hrs/Wk Lec - Lab
Semester 1		508-101 *	Dental Health Safety	Prereq: Instructor Consent (See Note 4&6)	1	0-2
		508-103 *	Dental Radiography	Prereq: Instructor Consent (See Note 4)	2	1-0-3
		508-113 *	Dental Materials	Prereq: Instructor Consent (See Note 4)	2	1-2
		508-302 *	Dental Chairside	Prereq: Instructor Consent; Coreq: 508-101; 508-113; 508-304 (See Note 4)	5	6-4
		508-304 *	Dental and General Anatomy	Prereq: Instructor Consent (See Note 4)	2	4-0
		508-306 *	Dental Assistant Clinicals	Prereq: Instructor Consent (See Note 4&6)	3	0-0-9
		508-307 *	Dental Assistant Professionalism	Prereq: Inst. Consent (See Notes 1 & 4)	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 (See Note 6)	2	0-0-8
		801-301	Writing Principles	Prereq: 851-760 (See Note 2&7)	1	2-0
		801-302	Speaking Principles	(See Note 2&7)	1	2-0

Minimum Program Total Credits 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
\$2,325	\$5,265	\$5,179	18.0%	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. Perform a variety of advanced supportive dental procedures.
2. Manage infection and hazard control.
3. Produce diagnostic intraoral and extraoral radiographs on a variety of patients.
4. Perform advanced dental laboratory procedures.
5. Demonstrate professional behaviors, ethics, and appearance.
6. Perform dental office business 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, math, and computer skills placement assessments.
3. Students must submit official high school, GED, or HSED transcript including a graduation or passing date.
4. Students must complete a Background Disclosure form and must request and pay for a background check. Applicants for all health science programs are subject to a review of their criminal backgrounds. Positive background checks may negatively impact your ability to pursue a health career at Gateway Technical College. Each case will be individually evaluated based on all available evidence provided to the college.
5. Students must complete a functional ability form verifying they have read and understand the functional abilities for the program.
6. Students must have current CPR for the Healthcare Provider certification.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Minimum 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 an advisor 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 will be selected for their initial core 508 courses using a petition process. Students must meet petition requirements prior to enrolling in 508 courses.
5. This program has a second-tier admission process for clinical/practicum/program courses called petitioning. Students are selected based on completion of academic eligibility requirements and district residency. See <https://www.gtc.edu/student-services/admissions/what-petitioning> for additional information.
6. Students must provide CPR for the Healthcare Provider certification prior to enrollment.
7. Students may take 801-196 Oral/Interpersonal Communication in place of 801-301 & 801-302.
8. Please note that your program may require one or all of the following additional fee(s) for: Criminal Background Check, Medical Documentation Manager, and/or Drug Testing.

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 Web Advisor 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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To schedule an appointment with an advisor, please call 1-800-247-7122.

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