# DEAS – Certified Dental Assistant Program

**Health and Human Services**

**Effective Term & Year:** Fall 2022
**Program Outline Review Date:** 2026-04-01

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**Program Area:** Health

**Description:**

The Certified Dental Assisting Program is a full-time, ten month program that prepares graduates to work as Certified Dental Assistants (CDAs). The program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada. Program graduates are eligible to write the National Dental Assisting Examining Board (NDAEB) exam which, upon successful completion, allows graduates to obtain registration and licensure with the Dental Assisting Regulatory Authorities. Registration and licensure in each province is required to work as a CDA in Canada.

The program curriculum is developed and guided in accordance to the Health Professions Act – Dentist's Regulation – A Guide to CDA Services from the College of Dental Surgeons of BC. More information about specific curriculum content can be found in the online course outlines.

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**Program Information:**

The ten-month full-time program combines lecture and clinical practice to prepare students for a career as a Certified Dental Assistant.

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**Credentials Granted:**

Certified Dental Assistant Certificate

**Minimum Course Grade:** A minimum grade of B-

**Program Average:** A minimum program grade point average of 2.0/10 (C- average)

**General Requirements:**

Program Requirements

- Dental Office Observation
- Dental Screening Form
- CPR Level C certification, current for the duration of the program. Acceptable CPR courses must include a face-to-face component and may be combined with a first aid course
- BCCDC Immunizations for BC Health Care Workers
- Annual influenza immunization
- Negative TB testing results
- Computer literacy is recommended

**Delivery Methods:** On-Campus (Face-to-Face)

**Credits:** 49

**Instructional Activity and Hours:**

| Activity | Hours |
|---|---|
| Classroom, Directed Studies or Online Instruction | 447 |
| Seminar/Tutorials | |
| Laboratory/Studio | 559 |
| Practicum/Field Experience | 180 |
| Co-op/Work Experience | |
| Other | 14 |
| Total | 1200 |

**Admission Requirements:**

- Complete all of the following
  - Secondary school graduation or equivalent.
  - Earned a minimum grade of C+ (65%) in at least 1 of the following:
    - ENST 12 – English Studies 12
    - ENFP 12 – English First Peoples 12
    - ENGL090 – English – Provincial Level
  - Earned a minimum grade of C+ (65%) in at least 1 of the following:
    - LFSC 11 – Life Sciences 11
    - CH 11 – Chemistry 11
    - ATPH 12 – Anatomy and Physiology 12
    - CH 12 – Chemistry 12
    - BIOL080 – Biology – Advanced Level

- CHEM080 – Chemistry – Advanced Level
- BIOL090 – Biology-Provincial Level (Human Biology) (3)
- CHEM090 – Chemistry – Provincial Level (3)

**Recommended Admission Requirements:**

English Language Proficiency Requirements

- Applicants whose first language is not English may be required to undergo the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). An overall score of 6.5 in all bands is required to enter the program
- It is the applicant's responsibility to arrange this assessment through Student Services or an Education Advisor at the College

**Non-Academic Admission Requirements:**

- Certified Dental Assistant Program Requisite Skills and Abilities Declaration
- Criminal Record Check (CRC) through the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor
- FOIPP Voluntary Self-Disclosure

**Program Completion Requirements:**

Certified Dental Assistant Program
49 Total Credits

- Completed the following:
  - DENT100 – Introduction to Dental Assisting (3)
  - DENT130 – Microbiology and Infection Control (2)
  - DENT131 – Basic Dental Assisting (2)
  - DENT132 – Patient Assessment (4)
  - DENT133 – Dental Office Emergencies (2)
  - DENT134 – Preventive Dentistry (3)
  - DENT135 – Dental Radiography (3)
  - DENT136 – Restorative Assisting (3)
  - DENT137 – Laboratory Procedures (2)
  - DENT140 – Dental Specialties (3)
  - DENT141 – Community Dental Health (3)
  - DENT142 – Dental Reception (3)
  - DENT143 – Patient Care Procedures (2)
  - DENT154 – Clinical Dental Assisting Procedures (6)
  - DENTPRAC1 – Work Experience 1 (4)
  - DENTPRAC2 – Work Experience 2 (4)

Grand Total Credits: 49

**Flexible Assessment:** No

**Program Transfer Credit:**

For information about block transfer agreements between programs in British Columbia, Alberta, and elsewhere, please visit http://www.cotr.bc.ca/transfer.

To minimize transfer issues, check with an academic advisor at the institution that will receive the transfer credits.

**Academic Policies:**

College of the Rockies policies related to courses can be found at https://cotr.bc.ca/about-us/college-policies/ and include the following:

- Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
- Policy 2.4.4 Student Conduct (plagiarism, other cheating, behavioral misconduct)
- Policy 2.4.8 Academic Performance
- Policy 2.5.3 Grade Appeal
- Policy 2.4.9 Student Concerns Re Faculty

**Program Changes:**

Information contained in this program outline is correct at the time of publication. Courses and course content may be revised from time to time based on changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The timetable may also be revised.

**Course Descriptions:** Refer to Course Outlines – https://outlines.cotr.bc.ca/course/