DENTAL ASSISTANT

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

Associate in Science Degree (A.S.) Certificate of Achievement

DESCRIPTION

The Dental Assistant Program prepares students for the high demand field of professional dental assisting. Dental assistants are a significant and valuable member of the dental health care team. Students are trained to perform a wide variety of duties including working chairside as patients are examined and treated, taking and developing dental radiographs, removing sutures, and applying anti-cavity agents to teeth. Dental assisting students are also taught to perform laboratory duties such as taking and pouring impressions and making temporary crowns. Additionally, the Dental Assistant Program offers curriculum on executing office duties like scheduling and confirming patients, filing patient treatment records, billing, and ordering dental supplies. The Dental Assistant Program at Imperial Valley College includes patient care practice in fully-equipped, off-campus externship experiences.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMS

The Associate in Arts (AA) or the Associate in Science (AS) Degree involves satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 semester units with a C average or higher, including grades of C in all courses required for the major, and fulfillment of all IVC district requirements for the associate's degree along with all general education requirements. The degree provides a sound basis for transfer to upper division institutions for additional degrees or for higher vocational preparation. To be eligible to receive an Associate Degree the student must complete the requirements for the major, the District requirements for an Associate Degree, and the General Education requirements. In addition students must maintain a minimum grade point average and meet the minimum grade requirements of their program. Detailed information is available in the college catalog.

The Certificate of Achievement program is designed for students with personal or occupational goals who wish early employment. To qualify for the Certificate, a student must satisfy the following requirements: (1) complete all courses listed for a particular certificate.; (2) achieve a "C" average (2.0 GPA) for all courses used to complete the certificate; and, (3) file a Certificate Application form with Admissions and Records by the appropriate deadline(s) identified on the application.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Completing students will be able to work in various dental office settings. In addition to traditional dental practices, dental assistantshave the opportunity to work in specialty areas, such as:

- · Oral and maxillofacial surgery
- Orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics
- Endodontics

- Periodontics
- Prosthodontics
- Pediatric dentistry

Gainful Employment: Federal regulations require institutions to provide students with Gainful Employment information for specific certificate programs offered at IVC. Please click on our Programs of Study link to view the information for each certificate program: http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/programs-of-study/

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Imperial Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a bachelor's degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with an IVC Counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

Transfer Resources:

www.ASSIST.org – CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine

www.CSUMentor.org - CSU System Information

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/index. html - UC System Information

www.aiccu.edu – California Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of

http://wiche.edu/wue - Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs

FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that IVC offers a full array of financial aid programs grants, work study, scholarships, and fee waivers (we do not participate in the federal loan programs). These programs are available to both full and part time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information: www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-andscholarships/

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

DENTAL ASSISTANT MAJOR - A.S. DEGREE

Thirty (30.0) units required for the major.

ALL COURSES FOR THIS MAJOR MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER.

I. Required courses for the major (30.0 units).

	AHP	100	Medical Terminology	3.0	
	DA	101	Introduction to Dental Assisting	3.0	
	DA	102	Beginning Radiology	3.0	
	DA	103	Dental Materials for the Dental Assistant	3.0	
	DA	104	Occupational Health for the Dental Assistant	1.0	
	DA	105	Introduction to Chairside Dental Assisting	2.0	
	DA	106	Dental Specialties	2.0	
	DA	107	Advanced Dental Assisting	2.0	
	DA	108	Practice Management for the Dental Assistant	3.0	
	DA	109	Clinical Dental Experiences	3.0	
	DA	110	Ethics and Jurisprudence	1.0	
	DA	111	Dental Assisting Seminar	2.0	
	DA	112	Dental Health Education	2.0	
Total Majo	or Units			30.0	
IVC Graduation Requirements and GE Pattern:					
Electives (as needed to reach 60 degree applicable units)					

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Total Maximum Units:

DENTAL ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE

Thirty (30.0) units required for the certificate.

ALL COURSES FOR THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER.

I. Required courses for the certificate (30.0 units).

	AHP	100	Medical Terminology	3.0
	DA	101	Introduction to Dental Assisting	3.0
	DA	102	Beginning Radiology	3.0
	DA	103	Dental Materials for the Dental Assistant	3.0
	DA	104	Occupational Health for the Dental Assistant	1.0
	DA	105	Introduction to Chairside Dental Assisting	2.0
	DA	106	Dental Specialties	2.0
	DA	107	Advanced Dental Assisting	2.0
	DA	108	Practice Management for the Dental Assistant	3.0
	DA	109	Clinical Dental Experiences	3.0
	DA	110	Ethics and Jurisprudence	1.0
	DA	111	Dental Assisting Seminar	2.0
	DA	112	Dental Health Education	2.0
Total Cert	ificate U	nits		30.0

Total Maximum Units:

30.0

60.0