

# Dental Assisting Program Certificate

Flanagan Campus • Applications for Fall 2014-16 • DAST

Program start date: Fall • Day program

## Admissions Guidelines

### Minimum requirements for conditional acceptance into Dental Assisting:

1. **CCRI application** – Complete and submit a CCRI Application for Enrollment. General Studies should be first choice; DENT should be second choice.
2. **High school transcript** – Send an official copy of a high school transcript or GED, including date of graduation or, if the applicant holds a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college/university, the high school transcript may be waived; college transcript must indicate completion and degree awarded.
3. **Placement testing** – Complete a standardized test (ACCUPLACER) issued by CCRI's Department of Advising and Counseling. Students may retake the ACCUPLACER test once before completing any remedial course(s).
  - a. **Math** placement test must indicate competency in MATH 0500 with a test score of 65 or above for the arithmetic section, **or** completion of MATH 0500: arithmetic with a grade of "C" or better.
  - b. **English (writing) test** must show readiness to take ENGL 1010: Composition I, **or** applicant must have completed ENGL 1005: College Writing with a grade of "C" or better. ENGL 1300 will not substitute for ENGL 1010.
  - c. **Reading comprehension test** must show competency of 80 or above or students must complete ENGL 0890: Critical Reading with a grade of "B-" or better.
4. **Complete courses required for admission with a grade of "C" or better** – Dent 1000: Introduction to Dental Health Careers. Students who have taken DHYG 1000: Introduction to Dental Hygiene with a final grade of "C" or better are exempt from DENT 1000.
5. **GPA** – A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better for all college courses taken.
6. **Health Sciences application** – Complete and submit performance-based Health Sciences application including a preadmission degree evaluation. Deadlines are listed on form.

*All the above requirements must be completed satisfactorily BEFORE submission of performance-based Health Sciences application and do not guarantee acceptance to the program. Acceptance is based on students' performance in the criteria.\* At the time of admission, the student must meet the current admission requirements of the program. Students declining acceptance into the program for the semester offered must resubmit a performance-based Health Sciences application for the program and meet the current admission requirements. Once accepted into Dental Assisting, the student must attend a mandatory orientation conducted by the Dental Health Department.*

*\*Refer to explanation of criteria on Health Sciences division Web site.*

7. **BCI** – Students are required to submit a background check when directed by notification from Enrollment Services. Results of BCI may prevent admission due to clinical agencies requirements.

**Final acceptance is based on completion of all the above criteria.**

### Policies following acceptance into the Dental Assisting program:

- Individuals who disclose the presence of bloodborne infectious disease will be shown the same consideration as noninfected individuals and will be offered reasonable accommodation. Information regarding health status of an individual is considered confidential and protected by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.
- Students must have a physical examination and required immunizations completed.
- Students must also have a current CPR card (American Heart Association, Health Care Provider level) obtained through an AHA recognized community training center (Course is also available at CCRI – HEAL 0200.)

**Please note: Requirements are subject to change.** Most students in the Dental Assisting certificate program attend classes full time. Therefore, the "normal" time to complete this certificate would be three (3) semesters (or 18 months). For more information about our graduation rates for this program, the median debt of students who completed this program and other important gainful employment information, please visit [www.ccri.edu/acadaffairs/gainful-employment/hrs/dental/dental-assist-cert.html](http://www.ccri.edu/acadaffairs/gainful-employment/hrs/dental/dental-assist-cert.html).

**For more information:** [www.ccri.edu/dean-hrs/admiss-docs.html](http://www.ccri.edu/dean-hrs/admiss-docs.html)

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## DAST Program Admission Criteria Point System

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The performance-based acceptance process is based on the performance indicators identified for the Dental Assisting program. A point system has been assigned to each of the performance criteria listed in the admissions guidelines site.

The criteria for the incoming class in Fall will include:

- DENT 1000 grade
- Placement test reading score
- Number of general education courses completed

### 1. Grades in DENT 1000 using the following scale:

A= 10 points    B= 5 points    C= 1 point  
A-= 9 points    B-= 3 points  
B+= 7 points    C+= 2 points

Maximum points = 10

### 2. ACCUPLACER reading comprehension test score

ACCUPLACER score of 80 or better    10 points  
or  
A bachelor's degree    10 points  
or  
Grade in ENGL 0890    10 points

A = 10 points    B = 4 points  
A- = 8 points    B- = 2 points  
B+ = 6 points

ACCUPLACER test maybe taken no more than three times.

Maximum points = 10

### 3. Number of general education courses completed – Grade of “C” or better

BIOL 1070 or BIOL 1020	10 points
COMM 1100 (formerly SPCH 1100)	5 points
ENGL 1010	5 points
PSYC 1030 or PSYC 2010	5 points

Maximum Points = 25

**Total Points: 45**

**Tie breaker: Earliest completion of DENT 1000.**

**Credits granted through AP, CLEP, challenge exams or assessment of prior learning credits will be recognized as satisfying course requirements and will be assigned 5 points.**

**\*\*\*A student with a baccalaureate degree or higher may still be required to complete an ACCUPLACER Test depending on the prerequisites for individual general education courses.\*\*\***

*Please review the Department of Health website at [www.health.ri.gov/licenses/healthcare/index.php](http://www.health.ri.gov/licenses/healthcare/index.php) to learn about licensing requirements for the health sciences professions.*

**Please Note:** A Social Security number is required to begin the licensing process for the health sciences professions.