

**DNCE 296 Independent Projects in Dance** (1, 1.5, 2)  
 1, 1 1/2 or 2 hours lecture  
**Transfer acceptability:** CSU; UC  
 Fostering creative research and independent study projects in dance.

**DNCE 297 Experimental Projects in Dance** (1, 1.5, 2)  
 1/2, 1 or 1 1/2 hours lecture - 1 1/2, 2 or 3 hours laboratory  
**Transfer acceptability:** CSU; UC – Credit determined by UC upon review of course syllabus.  
 Advanced dance projects including individual research, tutoring, and performance for college classes and community projects.

**Database**

See CSIT - Information Technology

**Dental Assisting (DA)**

Contact the Dental Assisting Program for further information.  
 (760) 744-1150, ext. 2571  
 Office: HS-107

**Associate in Science Degrees -**

AS Degree requirements are listed in Section 6 (green pages).  
 • Dental Assisting (Registered Dental Assistant)

**Certificates of Achievement -**

Certificate of Achievement requirements are listed in Section 6 (green pages).  
 • Dental Assisting (Registered Dental Assistant)

**PROGRAM OF STUDY**

The Registered Dental Assisting Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, and is approved by the Dental Board of California.

Certification and Licensing: Upon successful program completion, student will be issued Certificates in Dental Radiography, Coronal Polishing, Pit and Fissure Sealants, California Practice Act and Infection Control. Students who successfully complete the program are eligible to take the California Registered Dental Assistant Examination to become licensed as a California Registered Dental Assistant (RDA); and are eligible to take the nationally recognized Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Examination offered by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB).

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Admission to the Registered Dental Assisting Program is by special application. To be eligible for admission, applicants must:

1. Complete Palomar College Application for Admission;
2. Attend a Registered Dental Assisting Program orientation meeting;
3. Show proof of high school graduation or equivalent by submitting official transcripts, or proof of a passing score on the General Education Development test (GED);
4. Take a Palomar College English Assessment Test and be eligible for English 50 or 100 or ESL 103 or demonstrate completion of a similar, equivalent college English course(s);
5. Submit medical, vision and dental clearances including Hepatitis B series and TB test results;
6. Meet academic requirements as specified on the Registered Dental Assisting Program website and Palomar College Catalog;
7. Show proof of a valid Social Security number.
8. Have a minimum GPA of 2.0.
9. Be a minimum age of 18 years.

Dental Assistants must have good vision, hearing, and the ability to communicate orally. In addition, they must have the ability to comprehend and interpret written information; and the dexterity to use small dental instruments.

**Registered Dental Assisting**

**A.S. DEGREE MAJOR OR CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**

To remain enrolled in the program, students must earn a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in each of the required courses. Students must pass laboratory and clinical evaluations at 75% competency or a substandard grade will be assigned for the course. A student may fail a dental assisting course on the basis of clinical practice even though theory grades may be passing.

Admission to the Dental Assisting program is by special application. The Dental Assisting program must be completed within two years or the student may need to repeat all required Dental Assisting courses. Contact the department for more information. NOTE: For course repetition purposes, federal financial aid would not be available to students who have already attempted and/or completed required Dental Assisting courses.

<b>Program Requirements</b>		<b>Units</b>
*DA 50	Introduction to Dental Sciences and Dental Occupations	3
*DA 57	Dental Sciences and Anatomy	3
ENG 50	Introductory Composition	4
	or	
ENG 100	English Composition	4
	or	
ESL 103	Written Communication III	5
	Proof of current BLS for Healthcare Providers Certificate	0

**First Semester**

DA 60	Dental Materials	3
DA 65	Dental Practice Management	2
DA 70	Dental Radiography I	2.5
DA 75	Dental Operative Procedures	5
DA 82	Preventive Dentistry I	1.5

**Second Semester**

DA 71	Dental Radiography II	.5
DA 83	Preventive Dentistry II	.5
DA 85	Advanced Dental Procedures	5
DA 90	Clinical Rotation	6

**TOTAL UNITS** **36 - 37**

\*Must have completed DA 50 and DA 57 with a grade of "C" or better prior to admission into the Dental Assisting Program.

**COURSE OFFERINGS**

Courses numbered under 50 are non-degree courses.  
 Courses numbered under 100 are not intended for transfer credit.

**DA 47 Dental Assisting Topics (.5 - 4)**

Units awarded in topics courses are dependent upon the number of hours required of the student. Any combination of lecture and/or laboratory may be scheduled by the department. Refer to Class Schedule.

**Note:** Pass/No Pass grading only  
 Non-degree Applicable

Topics in Dental Assisting. See Class Schedule for specific topic offered. Course title will designate subject covered.