

Dental Assistant Program

Industry Certification: DANB certification

<https://danb.org/>

Holding a DANB certification gives you an edge over other dental assistants. Employers prefer job candidates with DANB certification, and recruiters often seek out DANB certificants to fill dental assisting positions. DANB provides lists of certificants to dentists and employers who are looking to hire dental assistants who hold DANB certification.

According to DANB's Salary Survey, DANB certificants earn over \$2 more per hour than dental assistants who are not certified. The same survey revealed that DANB certificants have a low turnover rate, remaining with the same employer for more than seven years. DANB certificants are also dedicated professionals, with more than 14 years of experience.

Gila Community College in cooperation with Eastern Arizona College certification:

DENTAL ASSISTING SPECIALIST

Certificate of Proficiency

31303 (Available in Gila County only)

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This program of study provides the student with the necessary training to deliver quality

oral healthcare. X-ray imaging and clinical skills are included in the training. This program

provides the opportunity to become part of a professional dental team and to start a career

in the healthcare field.

Curriculum Requirements

BIO 160 Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology OR

HCE 156 Science for Allied Health 4 credits

DAE 100 Introduction to Dental Assisting 3 credits

DAE 101 Dental Health and Safety 3 credits

DAE 105 Oral Health and Dental Disease Prevention 3 credits

DAE 107 Science in Dentistry 4 credits

DAE 109 Patient Information and Assessment 3 credits

DAE 112 Radiographic Imaging in Dentistry 4 credits

DAE 114 Foundations of Clinical Dentistry 4 credits

Total Minimum Certificate Requirements 28 credits

In order to obtain this certificate you must:

- Complete each required course above with a grade of “C” or better.
- File a petition for certificate through your Gila Hank Online account.
- Remove any indebtedness to the College.
- Complete at least 14 credits at Eastern Arizona College.

You must also complete an academic requirement by one of the following methods:

- Completion of ENG 100, Writing Fundamentals, or higher with a grade of “C” or better.
- EAC equivalent writing placement score of 70 or higher entered into your student record.
- Completion of BUS 111, Business Mathematical Calculations, with a grade of “C” or better.
- Completion of MAT 100, Applied Mathematics, or higher with a grade of “C” or better.
- EAC equivalent mathematics placement score of 41 or higher entered into your student record.

Gainful Employment Disclosure. The following link provides valuable information regarding this certificate program such as the total length of the program, the percentage of students who graduate on time, the total cost of the program, student loan data and other valuable data. Please review this information so that you make an informed decision

regarding your education at EAC.

http://www.eac.edu/Student_Services/Financial_Aid/gainful_employment.shtm