

Dental Assisting

The Dental Assisting program is a two-semester program that is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (ADACODA) and prepares individuals to work as a Chairside Assistant in dental offices and settings. The employment rate for Dental Assistants in Maui County is expected to increase by 31.6 percent in the 6-year period 2004 through 2014.

The curriculum is organized in accordance with requirements of the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation with consultation from the Maui County Dental Association. Hands-on experience is achieved through clinical practice in the Maui Oral Health Center and in dental offices. Graduates are eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB).

Per the UH Board of Regents policy, priority for admission to the high demand Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene programs is given first to fully qualified State of Hawai'i residents as determined by the registrar for tuition purposes. Qualified non-residents are considered after qualified Hawai'i residents have filled all available openings. *Admission to UH Maui College does not guarantee admission to the Dental Assisting program.* The following minimum competencies are required of students entering the Dental Assisting program: a) English 22 with grade C or better, or placement at English 100; and b) Biology 100 with grade C or better. *The application deadline for the Fall cohort is May 1.* Visit the UH Maui College dental website at: maui.hawaii.edu/dental

✋ Contact the Dental Assisting program coordinator, Joyce Yamada, at 276-1199, or by email at yamadojo@hawaii.edu for information.

Requirements for Certificate of Completion (CC): 23 credits

Dental Assisting 120(3), 150(2), 151(5), 152(4), 154(1), 164(3), 165(2), 176(2), 177(1) *Grade C or better is required in all courses.*

The cadre (cohort) takes courses in this sequence:*

First Semester (Fall)	Credits	Second Semester (Spring)	Credits
DENT 120 Dental Office Management	3	DENT 152 Chairside Dental Assisting	4
DENT 150 Orientation to Dental Assisting	2	*DENT 154 Dental Materials	1
DENT 151 Introduction to Chairside Dental Assisting	5	DENT 165 Oral Biology II	2
DENT 164 Oral Biology I	3	*DENT 177 Dental Radiography II	<u>1</u>
*DENT 176 Dental Radiography I	<u>2</u>		8
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* *Note: Process for credit by examination (demonstrating competency) is available. DENT 154, 176, and 177 are eligible for Credit by Exam to those students who hold an active Certified Dental Assistant (Dental Assisting National Board - DANB) license.*

Note: Scheduling is designed for students to complete the program in two semesters within a cohort.

Note: All transfer applicants who have taken dental assisting course work at another accredited dental assisting program will be evaluated on an individual basis. The applicant must present a letter from the former dental assisting program, stating the circumstances necessitating the transfer. Opportunities for transfer applicants to enter dental assisting classes are limited to those instances where space becomes available.