

**Dental Assisting  
Career Studies Certificate**

**Purpose:** This career studies certificate program provides basic education in general dentistry and also provides a means of supplementing on-the-job training for dental assistants.

**Occupational Objectives:** Dental assistants can find career opportunities in private practice, state and federal agencies, hospitals, nursing homes, and other comparable health care facilities and agencies. Positions can also be found in insurance and education.

**Admission Requirements:** General college curricular admission

**Program Notes:** Students taking DNA 135, Dental Radiation Safety, must be at least 18 years old, in compliance with the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Radiation Protection Regulations, 1988.

<b>CURRICULUM</b>				
<b>COURSE</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>LECTURE HOURS</b>	<b>LAB HOURS</b>	<b>COURSE CREDITS</b>
DNA 109	Practical Infection Control	2	3	3
DNA 110	Dental Materials	2	3	3
DNA 113	Chairside Assisting I	2	3	3
DNA 135 <sup>1</sup>	Dental Radiation Safety	1	3	2
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<b>TOTAL</b>		10	12	14

<sup>1</sup>Students must be 18 years old to take this course.  
<sup>2</sup>Selection of a course to fulfill the general education elective requirement must be approved by the academic school administering this program.