



DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

To qualify for financial aid and to receive program updates, submit item #2 and complete the Accuplacer Assessment test immediately (see back for details). Students who complete the above steps and are currently enrolled in a BTC course may be eligible to register by appointment before the general public.

To be eligible for program entry on a space available basis you must submit a complete packet containing all of the following items. Forms can be downloaded from the BTC website at: www.btc.ctc.edu Student Resources/Admissions & Advising/Publications & Forms.

1. The "Dental Assisting Application Completion Form" verifying completion of all admissions steps.
2. Admissions Application identifying the year and quarter you want to start. New students are admitted to the Dental Assisting program in spring and fall quarters as full-time students only.
3. Evidence of high school graduation or its equivalent (high school diploma, high school transcript, GED certificate, or college degree) or Running Start Referral form.
4. The test score sheet from the Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test (HOBET) taken as part of the DEN 100 general education course. The HOBET test is not a selective criterion; it is being used to provide important needs assessment and program readiness information to Dental faculty.
5. All prospective Dental Assisting students must complete the following five courses **and** satisfy the general education requirements for one of the 3 credential options listed below. To meet admissions requirements, students must, at minimum, select and complete the "Certificate" general education option and submit official, sealed transcripts demonstrating at least a 2.0 GPA in each course. (BTC transcripts can be unofficial).

- Essentials of Anatomy & Physiology* (BIO 105), 5 credits
- Head & Neck Anatomy** (DEN 105), 2 credits
- Introduction to Dental Assisting** (DEN 100), 1 credit
- HIV/AIDs: Healthcare Professional (HLTH 133), 1 credit
- Healthcare Provider CPR (HO 127), 0.5 credit

*Must be no older than 5 years at the time you are eligible for placement on the program wait list

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	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Human Relations</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>
<u>Certificate</u>	COM 170 or ENGL& 101	MATH 100 or higher	CMST& 210 or PSYC& 100	None	15
<u>Associate in Applied Science (AAS)</u>	COM 170 or ENGL& 101	MATH 100 or higher	CMST& 210	PSYC& 100	20
<u>Associate in Applied Science-Transfer (AAS-T)</u>	ENGL& 101	MATH& 107 or MATH& 141 or MATH& 146	CMST& 210 or PSYC& 100	Transfer-level humanities, social science, or natural science elective course.	20

**Send program application materials & transcripts to: Bellingham Technical College
ATTN: ADMISSIONS
3028 Lindbergh Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225**

Financial Aid Eligibility

If you are attending Bellingham Technical College to obtain your prerequisite requirements, you may apply for financial aid to help defray the cost of course work. In order to determine your eligibility for aid, you will need to complete the following two requirements **prior** to submitting a complete packet **in addition** to filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

- A. Take the Accuplacer assessment tests (or be waived from them) to determine course and program placement. The assessment tests are offered four times weekly at a variety of days and times. Call 360-752-8345 to schedule a testing appointment or to inquire about test waiver.
- B. Submit a Degree/Certificate Program Admissions Application identifying the year and quarter you want to start.

Once a program seat becomes available for you:

After acceptance in the Dental Assisting program, and prior to beginning DEN 115, you are required to:

- Be 18 years of age.
- Demonstrate satisfactory oral health by dental examination.
- Demonstrate satisfactory health status by physical examination and current immunization status.
- Provide evidence of negative test for Tuberculosis from physician or health department.
- Complete Hepatitis B immunization series (students should note that the cost of this immunization is estimated to be approximately \$150.00).
- Possess and maintain a current CPR card. Minimum CPR Requirement is Healthcare Provider (6 hr).

Sequence & Schedule:

- The Dental Assisting program is a three-quarter sequence. Students are generally in class from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- All students will have the summer quarter off.
- Extramural clinical experience requires a minimum of 200 clinical hours by the end of the final quarter. The clinical schedule varies according to the dental office hours and students must be available to meet the arranged schedule.
- All clinical courses beginning with DEN 115 must be completed with a "B" or better before the student may progress to the next quarter. All DEN prefix courses are sequential and must be completed accordingly.
- In cases of Running Start, evidence of high school graduation must be submitted to receive your Dental Assisting Certificate

First quarter students will enroll in 22 credits including:

DEN 110 - Dental Foundations,
DEN 112 - Chair side Assisting,
DEN 114 - Dental Sciences, and
DEN 115 - Dental Clinic Practicum I

Second quarter students will enroll in 21 credits including:

DEN 120 - Patient Assessment,
DEN 122 - Chair side Assisting II,
DEN 124 - Radiography, and
DEN 125 -Dental Clinical Practicum II

Third quarter students will enroll in 20 credits including:

DEN 130 - Preventative Dentistry,
DEN 132 - Dental Specialties,
DEN 134 - Laboratory Procedures,
DEN 135 - Dental Clinic Practicum III, and
DEN 137 - Extramural Practicum

If you have questions or need additional information about the assessment or admissions process, please feel free to contact Admissions at 360-752-8345.