

Dental Assisting (DA12)

Diploma eMap

This eMap, along with regular meetings with your program advisor and using DegreeWorks, will help you remain on track to finish your program as quickly as possible and graduate from Georgia Northwestern Technical College. This eMap is intended to be used when beginning the program in Fall semester. Starting the program in Spring or Summer semesters may alter the suggested courses or course availability. This pathway is based on the 2026-2027 academic year.



PRE-OCCUPATIONAL CURRICULUM (16 Min. Credit Hours)

Please note: Students must complete all pre-occupational courses by the end of the Spring semester to be considered for the Dental Assisting Diploma Program in the Fall Semester.

1 st set of suggested courses			
Course		Hours	Completed
ENGL 1005	Applied Technical Communication	3	☐
MATH 1012	Foundations of Mathematics	3	☐
ALHS 1040	Introduction of Healthcare	3	☐
	OR		
MAST 1060	Medical Office Procedures	3	
	OR		
COMP 1000	Computer Literacy	3	

ALHS 1040 is the recommended course. Additional courses may be available to meet this requirement. See course catalog for more info.

2 nd set of suggested courses			
Course		Hours	Completed
ALHS 1011	Structure and Function of the Human Body	5	☐
	OR		
DENA 1010	Basic Human Biology	1	
PSYC 1010	Basic Psychology	3	☐

Students must submit an Eligibility form after completing pre-occupational curriculum.

Dental Assisting Diploma Program Planning Notes:

- Occupational courses for this program are offered at the Gordon County Campus.
- The Program Advisor for DA12 is Haley Davis, hdavis@gntc.edu
- Once pre-occupational curriculum has been completed, students will need to fill out an Eligibility Form.
- Student must attend a mandatory Program Orientation for Dental Assisting.
- Basic Dental Assisting (BDA1) Certificate is embedded in the 1st set of courses of the occupational curriculum. If a student passes with a 69.5 or higher in all courses, they will obtain the Certificate.

Note: All required courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better in order to graduate from this program.

OCCUPATIONAL CURRICULUM (39 Credit Hours)

1 st set of suggested courses			
Course		Hours	Completed
DENA 1030	Preventative Dentistry (Prerequisite DENA 1080, DENA 1340)	2	☐
DENA 1050	Microbiology and Infection Control	3	☐
DENA 1080	Dental Anatomy	5	☐
DENA 1340	Dental Assisting I: General Chairside	6	☐

2 nd set of suggested courses			
Course		Hours	Completed
DENA 1070	Oral Pathology and Therapeutics (Prerequisite DENA 1010, DENA 1080)	3	☐
DENA 1350	Dental Assisting II: Dental Specialties and EFDA Skills (Prerequisite DENA 1340)	7	☐
DENA 1390	Dental Radiology (Prerequisite DENA 1080)	4	☐
DENA 1460	Dental Practicum I (Prerequisite DENA 1050, DENA 1340, DENA 1350, DENA 1390)	1	☐
DENA 1470	Dental Practicum II (Prerequisite DENA 1460, Corequisite 1470)	1	☐

3 rd set of suggested courses			
Course		Hours	Completed
DENA 1090	Dental Assisting National Board Examination Preparation	1	☐
DENA 1400	Dental Practice Management (COMP 1000, DENA 1340)	2	☐
DENA 1480	Dental Practicum III (Prerequisite DENA 1460, DENA 1470)	5	☐

Total Credit Hours: 55 Minimum Credit Hours Required to Complete Certificate

Additional information for the Dental Assisting Diploma and program requirements can be found at [GNTC 2026-2027 Catalog](#).