

College of the Redwoods Community College District

Registered Dental Assisting Program Applicant Information

Program Eligibility:

- **Applicants must have a satisfactory cumulative Grade Point Average meeting or exceeding a 2.0.**
Eligible applicants must be in good academic standing. Student on Academic Probation, Level 1, Level 2, or students dismissed from the College due to unsatisfactory academic performance are not eligible for the Program.
- **Applicants must have a valid Student Identification Number from College of the Redwoods.**
Eligible applicants must have a College of the Redwoods student identification number. This requires applicants to additionally apply to the College, an application can be completed online at <http://www.redwoods.edu/Admissions/guide> and a student identification number will be e-mailed.
- **Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalency.**
Eligible applicants must include official high school transcripts or equivalency, such as a GED attached to this application for acceptance into the Dental Assisting Program. This is an accreditation standard requirement of the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.
- **Applicants are advised to have basic math skills.**
Students enrolled in the Dental Assisting Program need basic math skills. Problem-solving is used in the clinical setting during patient care. Students will be required to determine ratios, percentages, and perform basic arithmetic operations involving fractions and decimals.

Program Application Filing Period:

Applications are accepted February 1st through August 1st each academic year.

Eligible applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Program Requirements:

- **Acceptance:**

Applicants accepted in the Program will be notified by letter in mid- May. This is done by certified mail, and is sent to the address indicated on the application. In the beginning of May, accepted students are then automatically registered in the Dental Assisting Program courses by the Program Coordinator. **It is then the responsibility of the student to pay all registration fees.** Payment is paid through the student's WebAdvisor Account. Students failing to pay will be dropped from the Program and positions will not be held.

- **Additional Fees:**

Applicants accepted in to the Program will be required to pay additional fees. Please refer to the Dental Assisting Program Student Fees Handout provided with this application packet. Information about available financial aid can be found at <http://www.redwoods.edu/financial-aid>.

- **Orientation:**

Successful completion of DA 150, Dental Assisting Program Orientation is a mandatory requirement. Applicants accepted in to the Program will need to satisfy all requirements in DA 150, Dental Assisting Orientation to continue in the Dental Assisting Program. Orientation is held one week prior to the beginning of school. For more information about the orientation, uniforms, physicals, vaccinations, and student fee requirements please refer to your letter of acceptance when it arrives in early May.

- **Nutrition and Communications:**

Applicants accepted in to the Program will need to complete Nutrition (HO15) and a communications class (COMM1-Public Speaking or COMM 1V-Public Speaking Virtual **or** COM6-Small Group **or** COMM7-Interpersonal Communication or COMM8-Intercultural Communication. These classes may be taken concurrently with the Dental Assisting Program courses during the fall and spring semesters or during the summer session prior to enrollment in Program. The schedule can be found at <http://www.redwoods.edu/ScheduleOfClasses/>.

- **Education Plan:**

Applicants are strongly advised to meet with an Advisor to create an Education Plan prior to applying. This will assist the student in knowing which education pathway is appropriate. Additionally, the advisor can help with scheduling HO 15 Nutrition and communications class.

Program Information:

• **Accreditation:**

The Dental Assisting Program at College of the Redwoods is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (CODA) and approved by the Dental Board of California (DBC). This allows graduates to be eligible for the Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) exam, for State licensure, and the Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam, for National certification.

• **Employment:**

Career opportunities for our graduates are exceptional! According to the US Department of Labor, dental assistants are expected to be among the fastest growing occupation. We work closely with our local dental community to provide internship and jobs opportunities for our students.

• **Hours:**

The Dental Assisting is offered each academic year, beginning in the fall semester, 990 hours are completed, including 330 clinical hours. Classes are held Monday through Friday during typical working hours. Students enrolled in the Program return in early January, two weeks prior to the beginning of the spring semester to allow for scheduling flexibility.

• **Contact:**

If you have questions or concerns regarding the Dental Assisting Program eligibility or requirements please contact the Program Coordinator, Hillary Reed at 707-476-4253 or hillary-reed@redwoods.edu.

Certificate of Achievement, Dental Assisting Requirements:

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT, DENTAL ASSISTING	TOTAL UNITS 31.5
DA 150 Dental Assisting Program Orientation	0.5
DA153 Dental Assisting Science	2.0
DA154 Dental Assisting Materials and Duties	3.0
DA155 Dental Radiography	2.0
DA156 Dental Assisting Fundamentals (Chairside)	3.0
DA 156C Dental Assisting Fundamentals Clinical Laboratory Experience	1.5
DA166 Dental Assisting Functions in Dental Practice Management	0.5
DA163 Dental Disease and Oral Health Issues	2.0
DA164 Dental Specialties-Expanded Duties	3.0
DA165 Advanced Dental Radiography	2.0
DA167 Dental Clinical Experience	6.0
HO15 Nutrition	3.0
COMM Oral Communications (COMM1 <i>or</i> COMM1V <i>or</i> COMM6 <i>or</i> COMM7 <i>or</i> COMM8)	3.0

Associate of Science Degree, Dental Assisting Requirements:

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE, DENTAL ASSISTING	TOTAL UNITS 60.0
Core Courses (Areas A, B, C, D, D1, D2, D3)	15.0
Electives	13.5
DA 150 Dental Assisting Program Orientation	0.5
DA153 Dental Assisting Science	2.0
DA154 Dental Assisting Materials and Duties	3.0
DA155 Dental Radiography	2.0
DA156 Dental Assisting Fundamentals (Chairside)	3.0
DA 156C Dental Assisting Fundamentals Clinical Laboratory Experience	1.5
DA166 Dental Assisting Functions in Dental Practice Management	0.5
DA163 Dental Disease and Oral Health Issues	2.0
DA164 Dental Specialties-Expanded Duties	3.0
DA165 Advanced Dental Radiography	2.0
DA167 Dental Clinical Experience	6.0
HO15 Nutrition	3.0
COMM Oral Communications (COMM1 <i>or</i> COMM1V <i>or</i> COMM6 <i>or</i> COMM7 <i>or</i> COMM8)	3.0

College of the Redwoods Registered Dental Assisting Program Application

General Information:

Print Last Name:

Print First Name:

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Residence Mailing Address:

Apt/Bldg#:

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City:

State:

Zip:

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Message Phone (with area code):

Date of Birth:

Student Identification Number:

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Education Pathway:

Please indicate the intent of your application for the academic year:

Enrollment as a Full-time Dental Assisting Program Student Certificate of Achievement

(DA 150, DA 153, DA 154, DA 155, DA 156, DA 156 C, DA 163, DA 164, DA 165, DA166, DA 167, HO 15, COMM 1 or COMM 6 or COMM7)

Enrollment as a Full-time Dental Assisting Program Associate in Science Degree

(DA 150, DA 153, DA 154, DA 155, DA 156, DA 156C, DA 163, DA 164, DA 165, DA166, DA 167, HO 15, COMM 1 or COMM 6 or COMM7and GE courses)

Application Verification:

I have completed this application in good faith and understand the eligibility requirements for the Dental Assisting Program at College of the Redwoods listed in the provided Program Applicant Information Packet attached to this document. I recognize falsification of any information included with this application will be considered grounds for dismissal.

I acknowledge that incomplete applications not including all requirements will not be processed and will jeopardize enrollment in the Dental Assisting Program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please deliver completed application to the Dental Assisting Office AT 101, or the Health Occupations Office AT 118, or send to:
College of the Redwoods, Dental Assisting Program,
7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka, CA 95501

Office Use Only:

Date Received Completed Application:		Date Acceptance Letter Sent:	Version: 5-16-18
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Dental Assisting Program Student Fees

Following is a breakdown of the approximate costs of the Dental Assisting Program. Please note that prices are subject to change due to changes in vendors rates.

Fall Semester:

Registration (15 units @ \$46 per unit*)	\$690.00
Health Fee.....	\$21.00
Technology Fee.....	\$10.00
Student Representative Fee	\$12.00
Parking (Annual)	\$73.00
Textbooks	\$175.00
Uniform Requirement (1 pair of black shoes, 5black pants, 5 black tops, 1 jacket)	\$700.00
Procedure Gown (Purchased at orientation)	\$100.00
Name Badge (Purchased at orientation)	\$15.00
CPR Class (Purchased at orientation)	\$100.00
California RDA Study Guide (Purchased at orientation).....	\$115.00
Lab Kit (Purchased from Darby Dental after Monday orientation)	\$1400.00
Fall Subtotal.....	\$3,411.00

Spring Semester:

Registration (17 units @ \$46 per unit*)	\$782.00
Health Fee.....	\$21.00
Technology Fee.....	\$10.00
Student Representation Fee.....	\$12.00
Spring Subtotal	\$825.00
Approximate Cost	\$4,236.00

***A higher tuition is charged for non-resident students with the exception of Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon State University and Rogue Community College. For more information see the CR website, select Admissions from the quick links pull down menu, then select fees.**

Upon graduation from the Dental Assisting Program students are eligible to take the California Dental Board (RDA) written and practical examination and the Dental Assisting National Board (CDA) written examination. Following are the approximate costs:

RDA Practical Exam:

Application Fee (Due in May)	\$120.00
Testing Fees (Due in June).....	\$40.00
Live Scan Fee (Due in May)	\$95.00
Travel and Accommodations for out of the area for testing.....	Variable

CDA Exam:

Application Fee (After graduation).....	\$425.00
Travel and Accommodations for out of the area testing	Variable

