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According to Board Policy; Dual Enrollment students must satisfy the requirements prescribed in Alabama Community College System (ACCS) Board of Trustees Policy 801.01: Admission: General, with the exception of proof of high school graduation or GED completion.

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Students enrolled in the dental assisting program are required to successfully complete both academic and clinical requirements. The DA Eligibility Criteria delineate the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor skills deemed minimally necessary for admission, progression, graduation, and for the provision of safe and effective client care as a dental assistant. The Alabama Community College System endorses the Americans' with Disabilities Act. If a student cannot demonstrate the Eligibility Criteria, it is the responsibility of the student to request appropriate reasonable accommodations through the Student Disability Services Office

<https://calhoun.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Dental-Assisting-Eligibility-Criteria.pdf>

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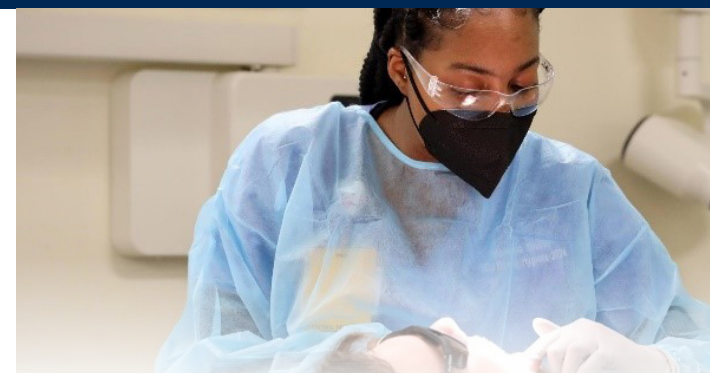
The **Dual Enrollment Dental Assisting Program** at **Calhoun Community College** offers students the opportunity to become a workforce-ready Certified Dental Assistant by high school graduation.



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Access the Dual Enrollment Dental Assistant Application; Minimum Requirements and Dual Enrollment application scoring system at:

calhoun.edu/DualEnrollment



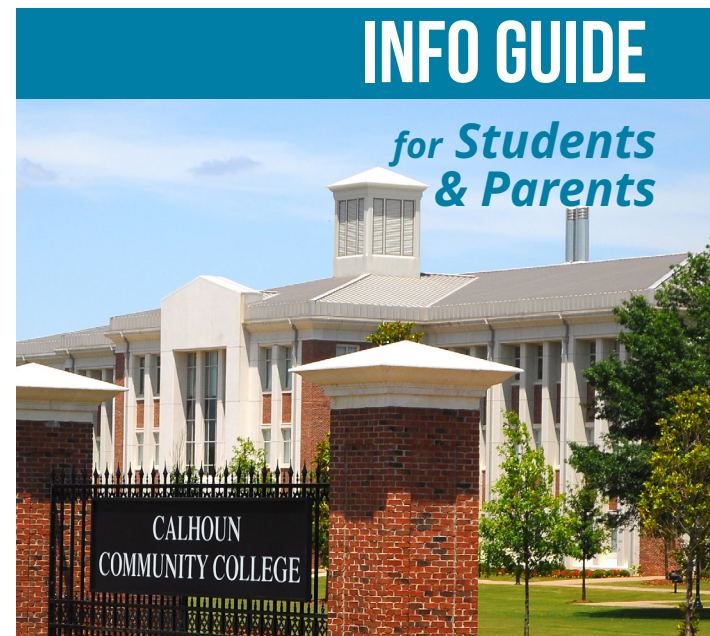
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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A DENTAL ASSISTANT?

Dental assistants are team members who serve as 'generalists' in dental practices. They may assist the dentist during procedures such as fillings, crowns, root canals, and tooth extractions, take x-rays, disinfect and sterilize instruments, mix dental materials, take impressions of teeth, obtain health histories, teach patients about oral health, and perform office managerial duties. Dental Assistants need to be adaptable, organized, detail-oriented, and possess good interpersonal skills. Dental Assistants may be exposed to infectious disease and are required to wear protective gear.

WHEN & WHERE ARE DUAL ENROLLMENT DA CLASSES OFFERED?

All Dental Assistant classes are held on the Calhoun Decatur campus in the Health Sciences Building.

Rising high school seniors begin the program in the summer following their junior year. Classes meet four days per week during each of the three semesters of the program.

Students also participate in clinical learning experiences at dental offices during the second and third semesters of the program, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from approx. 7A-5P.

Transportation to campus and clinical experiences is the responsibility of the student/parent.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF THE DUAL ENROLLMENT DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM?

The program is eligible for student scholarships through the Calhoun Community College Workforce Development grant. The funding currently covers tuition, fees, the cost of textbooks, and some supplies. The amount of funds each year is determined by the availability and the scope of the state distributions.

The required health exam, TB testing, background check and drug screening are not covered by grant funds.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE DUAL ENROLLMENT DA PROGRAM?

Dual Enrollment DA is open to rising high school seniors (12th grade) who have:

- a GPA of 3.0 or higher,
- a minimum ACT reading score of 18, taken ENG 101 English Composition I and MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra (or higher MTH) and earned a grade of C or higher, and the approval of their high school counselor or home school director
- Due to a limited number of seats, admission to the program is competitive.

WHAT COURSES ARE INCLUDED IN THE DUAL ENROLLMENT DA PROGRAM?

The Dental Assisting curriculum plan includes on-campus courses in dental anatomy and physiology, dental procedures and materials, dental radiography, oral health and patient education, and dental office administration.

Students are provided opportunities to learn and practice skills in dental offices. Prior to assignment, they must submit proof of a health exam, their immunization record, be tested for TB, and submit to a background check and drug and alcohol screening.



Successful completion of clinical courses is required for program graduation.

DOES THE STUDENT RECEIVE BOTH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CREDIT?

Students who successfully complete the consecutive 3-semester program:

- earn 45 hours of college credit
- are awarded a certificate of completion from a CODA accredited educational program (<https://coda.ada.org/>)
- are eligible to earn the Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) credential through the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. <http://www.danb.org/>

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF DUAL ENROLLMENT DENTAL ASSISTING?

The program prepares graduates for employment in general dental offices or specialty practices such as orthodontics, pediatrics, periodontics, or oral surgery. Generally, employers prefer a Credentialed Dental Assistant and, on average, CDAs earn a higher hourly wage.

The Dual Enrollment Dental Assistant program gives students experience, while still in HS, in real-world medical practice and may provide valuable insight for future career decisions. Many Dental Assistants choose to continue their education and become registered dental hygienists (RDH).

