

*Note: Admission into this program is highly competitive and the college may not be able to accept all applicants that meet the minimum admission standards.*

# DENTAL ASSISTANT

**2009-2010 Program Options:**

**Dental Assistant Diploma (48)**

**Dental Assistant Associate in Applied Science Degree (64)**

**Diploma: Dental Assistant**

**Total Number of Credits: 48**

**Program Description:** The Dental Assistant program is designed for career opportunities as a dental assistant in private dental offices, HMO clinics, public health institutions, dental supply and insurance companies, military dental services, and dental school clinics. The program is accredited by the American Dental Association, Commission of Accreditation. Graduates of the Dental Assistant Program are eligible to write the Dental Assisting National Board of Certification Exam and the Minnesota State Board of Dentistry Registration Exam. Dental Assistant graduates, upon successful completion of the exams, are Certified and Registered dental assistants.

**Application Requirements:** High School graduate or GED; minimum assessment placement in RDNG 1000, or completion of RDNG 0090 with a grade of C or higher; minimum assessment placement in ENGL 1021, or completion of ENGL 0090 with a grade of C or higher.

**Recommendations:** Completion of the following courses: ENGL 1021 and Goal One COMM course by the application deadline.

**Application Deadlines:** January 15 for Fall start and July 15 for January start of each year.

**Note:** Specific clinical experience MAY require a student to pass a MN Human Services background study prior to starting the experience.

**Career/Occupational Requirement: 41 credits**

DENA 1000	Introduction to Dental Assisting	3	DENA 1780	Introduction of Dental Assisting Internships	3
DENA 1011	Dental Assisting Pre-Clinic I	3	DENA 1781	Specialty Internship	3
DENA 1012	Dental Assisting Pre-Clinic II	3	DENA 1782	General Internship	4
DENA 1020	Dental Materials	3	<b>General Education/MnTC Requirements: 7 credits</b>		
DENA 1031	Dental Radiology I	2	<b>Goal 1 - Communication: 7 credits</b>		
DENA 1032	Dental Radiology II	3	ENGL 1021	Composition I	4
DENA 1041	Chairside Dental Assisting I	2	Select <b>ONE</b> of the following COMM courses: 3		
DENA 1042	Chairside Dental Assisting II	3	COMM 1021	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
DENA 1050	Dental Specialties	3	COMM 1031	Interpersonal Communication	
DENA 1061	Dental Assisting Advanced Functions I	3	COMM 1041	Small Group Communication	
DENA 1062	Dental Assisting Advanced Functions II	2	COMM 1051	Intercultural Communication	
DENA 1063	Nitrous Oxide Inhalation Sedation	1			

**Associate in Applied Science Degree: Dental Assistant**

**Total Number of Credits: 64**

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**Application Requirements:** High School graduate or GED; minimum assessment score placement in RDNG 1000 or above, or completion of RDNG 0090 with a grade of C or higher; minimum assessment score placement in ENGL 1021, or completion of ENGL 0090 with a grade of C or higher.

**Recommendations:** Completion of the following courses: ENGL 1021, Goal One COMM course by the application deadline.

**Application Deadlines:** January 15 for Fall start and July 15 for January start of each year.

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**Career/Occupational Requirement: 41 credits**

DENA 1000	Introduction to Dental Assisting	3	<b>General Education/MnTC Requirements: 20 credits</b>		
DENA 1011	Dental Assisting Pre-Clinic I	3	<i>Four (4) credits beyond the minimums are needed to reach 20 credits.</i>		
DENA 1012	Dental Assisting Pre-Clinic II	3	<i>See MnTC course list for options.</i>		
DENA 1020	Dental Materials	3	<b>Goal 1 - Communication: 7 credits</b>		
DENA 1031	Dental Radiology I	2	ENGL 1021	Composition I	4
DENA 1032	Dental Radiology II	3	Select <b>ONE</b> of the following COMM courses: 3		
DENA 1041	Chairside Dental Assisting I	2	COMM 1021	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
DENA 1042	Chairside Dental Assisting II	3	COMM 1031	Interpersonal Communication	
DENA 1050	Dental Specialties	3	COMM 1041	Small Group Communication	
DENA 1061	Dental Assisting Advanced Functions I	3	COMM 1051	Intercultural Communication	
DENA 1062	Dental Assisting Advanced Functions II	2	<b>Goal 2 – Critical Thinking is automatically fulfilled when all other MnTC goals are complete</b>		
DENA 1063	Nitrous Oxide Inhalation Sedation	1	<b>Goal 3 and/or Goal 4 - Sciences/Math/Logical Reasoning: 3 credits</b>		
DENA 1780	Introduction of Dental Assisting Internships	3	CHEM 1020	Chemistry Concepts – recommended*	
DENA 1781	Specialty Internship	3	<b>Goal 5 – History/Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 credits</b>		
DENA 1782	General Internship	4	Psychology elective – recommended*		

**\*Required courses for admission to Century College Dental Hygiene program. See a Counselor if pursuing a degree in hygiene or dentistry.**

**Goal 6 - Humanities and Fine Arts: 3 credits**

**Goals 7-10: Three credits in one of these four goals (Fulfilled by COMM course)**

**Additional Requirements: Sufficient credits to total 64**

**General Requirements:**

1. Diplomas: 31 to 48 earned college-level credits; one third of credits must be earned at Century College.  
AAS: At least 64 earned college-level credits (numbered 1000 or above). At least 20 credits must be earned at Century College.
2. Century college-level GPA of 2.0; Required career and occupational courses GPA of 2.0; MnTC GPA of 2.0.
3. A grade of C or higher in ENGL 1021.

**Note:** This program requires a special application. See Admissions, Counseling or the college website for the application booklet.

**Assessment:** *Assessments are required for all students* before registering for classes. Students may be required to take developmental courses in English, Reading and Mathematics based upon their assessment scores. For important information and exemptions see [www.century.edu/futurestudents/assessment](http://www.century.edu/futurestudents/assessment).

**References to the Minnesota General Education Transfer Curriculum (MnTC):** On this guidesheet, notations such as “Goal 1-Communication: 3 credits” are used to refer to the goals of the Minnesota General Education Transfer Curriculum. Refer to the MnTC Course List for the specific courses from which students may choose to fulfill the MnTC requirements of the program, found in the catalog, the Counseling Center and on the Century website. Students should be aware that it may be necessary to select additional MnTC credits beyond the minimum required in each goal area, to reach the total MnTC/General Education credits required for their program.

**Career Information:** Counselors are available in the Counseling and Career Center, Room 2400 West, to assist with educational and career planning. Resources available include career interest and personality inventories and print and web-based occupational and educational information, e.g., occupational descriptions, employment outlook, earnings, education/training requirements and sources. Consult the **GPS LifePlan** link on the Century website for information on these and more resources for your career, work, and educational planning!

**Transfer:** Some programs are intended primarily for employment preparation rather than transfer to a four-year institution. Some courses may not transfer to a number of four-year colleges. If you are considering the possibility of transfer, you may wish to talk with a counselor or the program instructor before registering to discuss your goals and look at programs designed for transfer.

**Time Limit for Meeting Graduation Requirements:** See Century College catalog “Graduation” for information.

**Academic Petitions:** Any exceptions to the program requirements must be petitioned through the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

**Supply Cost:** Uniforms and Dental Assistant supplies must be purchased and, along with the books, cost approx. \$875. Costs are subject to change.

**Part-time and Evening Availability:** Students may attend part-time in this program. Evening courses are not offered.

**CPR Requirement:** Current certification in CPR is required by the end of the first semester of Dental Assistant program courses. Certification must cover adults, children and infants. The American Heart Association Health Care Provider, Level C, CPR certification meets this requirement as does EMS 1010 at Century. The Red Cross also offers an equivalent certification.

**Important Telephone Numbers: (651 Area Code)**

Admission Office	773-1700
Counseling Office	779-3285
Financial Aid Office	779-3305

<b>Program Instructor:</b>	
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