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### Admissions Requirements: Dental Assisting Program

**Application Deadline is June 1** (prior to the Fall semester for which you wish to be considered for the program).

**As a Selective Admissions Program**, it is strongly suggested that candidates submit their application material early for review and consideration for initial Program admission. At minimum, candidates should submit their application material at least 3 weeks in advance of the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to ensure timely receipt. **After June 1<sup>st</sup>, if additional seats remain available, qualified applicants may be considered as alternate candidates on a rolling basis.**

**A maximum of 24 applicants will be offered a position in the class.** Applicants and alternates not selected for admission, who would like to be considered for the following year, need to reapply and submit materials prior to the next June 1 deadline.

#### **Applicant Checklist:**

**Step 1: Attendance at a Dental Assisting information session is required.** For information on upcoming information sessions and to reserve a seat, visit the Dental Assisting website: [www.tunxis.edu/ah](http://www.tunxis.edu/ah).

Information sessions are held throughout the year. However, it is recommended that students attend an information session *in the fall* prior to the June 1 deadline to learn about the Tunxis Dental Assisting program, application process and requirements, and careers in dental assisting. Students must “**sign in**” at the session to receive credit for attendance.

**Step 2: All applicants must submit the following by the June 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline:**

- Completed CT State Application online.  
Applications are available on [www.tunxis.edu](http://www.tunxis.edu)
- Proof of immunization
- In addition to the State College immunization requirements, students are required to be immunized for tetanus, hepatitis B, Covid-19, and annual influenza
- All official transcripts submitted
- Proof of high school completion in the form of GED, diploma or transcript.
- Students need to place into English Composition at the time of program application. *If additional seats are available, students who test into and complete ENG 093 or ENG 096 (with a grade of C- or higher) prior to program start, may also be considered.*

**Step 3: Verification of Job Shadowing form.**

- Contact a dental office of interest to you and complete 8 hours of “job shadowing.” A Job Shadowing form will be received in the Student packet at orientation.
- Deadline Aug 1

**Step 4: BLS/CPR Certification**

- Basic Life Support/CPR for Health Care Professionals and First Aid certification through the American Red Cross; American Heart Association; or other Dental Assisting National Board approved provider must be completed before the start of the fall semester classes as it is a prerequisite. **BLS/CPR for Health Care Professionals and First Aid certification will be offered at Tunxis in the Summer Session at an extra cost to meet the fall semester prerequisite for students that have not previously met this requirement.**

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### Immunizations

- Students will receive a packet of information at the time of acceptance into the Tunxis Community College Dental Assisting program.

### Criminal Background Checks

- Some clinical learning sites require students to undergo a background check for felony convictions. Students who do not pass the background check may be excluded from the clinical site and may not be able to meet the competencies required for the program.

### Clinical Sites

- Clinical Dental Assisting learning experiences are planned as an integral part of the dental assisting courses and are held at a variety of health care settings, such as hospitals, private dental offices and selected community health centers. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from assigned clinical sites. Dental Assisting externships may be assigned during daytime, evening, or weekend hours. Assignment of clinical sites is at the discretion of the dental assisting faculty.

### Waiver of Licensure Guarantee

- Upon successful completion of each section of the Dental Assisting certificate program, the student is eligible to take the corresponding section of the Dental Assisting National Board. Completion of the Dental Assisting program does not ensure a certification in dental assisting. Certification requirements and procedures are the responsibility of the Dental Assisting National Board.

### Felony Conviction

- At the time of application for certification an applicant will be asked the following question by the Dental Assisting National Board: ***“Have you ever been found guilty or convicted as a result of an act which constitutes a felony under the laws of this state, federal law or the laws of another jurisdiction and which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a felony under the laws of this state? If your answer is “yes,” give full details, dates, etc. on a separate notarized statement and furnish a certified court copy (with court seal affixed) of the original complaint, the answer, the judgment, the settlement, and/or the disposition.”***

### Other Requirements

- As a health care professional/student, you are at an increased risk for contracting bloodborne infectious diseases. The Dental Assisting Program at Tunxis Community College is not responsible for any medical cost associated with you contracting any communicable disease during or prior to your education and/or participation in Tunxis Community College Dental Assisting Program sponsored functions. If you contract a bloodborne infectious disease before or during your enrollment appropriate health experts **must** be consulted to determine your ability to assist with patient care.

### Special Admission Requirements

- The following additional essential functions are also expected of all students with or without accommodations. Students must be able to fulfill the essential functions of the job without endangering patients or other health care workers. Students with disabilities may be eligible for accommodations.

#### Students must have the following abilities:

- Proficiency in their use of the English language and must possess effective oral and written skills to accurately transmit appropriate information to patients/clients, faculty, colleagues, and other health care workers
- Gross and fine motor skills sufficient to lift, position, and operate equipment
- Interpersonal skills such that they are capable of interacting with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, economic and ethnic backgrounds
- Physical mobility is necessary to move from place to place in small spaces as well as full range of

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- A high degree of hand-eye coordination
- Auditory ability and other sensory skills must be sufficient to monitor and assess the health needs and diagnose the oral conditions of patients as well as maintain patient safety
- Visual acuity and adequate spatial perception
- Intact proprioception (the ability to sense pressure/force)
- The ability to present a professional appearance, maintain personal health and be emotionally stable

Note: The ability to progress in the program, visit clinical sites/dental offices, or obtain a certificate may be affected due to a felony conviction.

## Dental Assisting–Certificate Program

The following are required courses. Specialized coursework must be taken in the outlined sequence. A GPA of 2.0 or better is required for progression in the program. All students who have not completed the equivalent of “Composition” must complete the college placement test and place into “Composition” to begin the program.

### Summer

DNAS*1042	Dental Assisting Research Seminar	2 Credits
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### Fall Semester

DNAS 1030	Dental Materials for the Dental Assistant	3
DNAS 1040	Essential Chairside Functions for the DA	4
DNAS 1044	Preventive Dentistry	3
DNAS 1046	Oral Anatomy for the Dental Assistant	3
DNAS1047	Principles of Radiation for the Dental Assistant	3

### Winter Intersession

DNAS 1048	Radiography Theory & Practice for the Dental Assistant	3
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### Spring Semester

DNAS 1049	Practice Management, Law and Ethics	2
DNAS 1095	Dental Assisting Clinical Externship Experience	7

Select one of the following courses:

COMM 1072	Interpersonal Communication or	
COMM 1073	Public Speaking	3

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TOTAL

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Students with disabilities may be eligible for academic adjustments. See page 5 for statement of program's required abilities.

The ability to obtain a certification through the Dental Assisting National Board may be affected due to a felony conviction.

This program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Post-Secondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation may be contacted at 312.440.2719 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

<b>DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM FEES</b>	
<b>Summer Semester</b>	
DA Research Seminar (2 credit tuition + Student fee + College service fee)	\$469.00
<b>Fall and Spring Semester</b>	
Tuition and fees (in state)	\$4820.00
Clinical fee	\$718.00
<b>Winter Semester</b>	
Radiography Theory & Practice	\$674.00
Supplemental Course fee	\$205.00
Materials fee	\$51.00
<b>Uniforms</b>	
2 scrub tops, 2 pants, lab coat	\$260.00
<b>Student Kit</b>	
Blood pressure kit, utility & treatment gloves, masks, box, clip board, red/blue pencils, typodont teeth	\$450.00
<b>Other Program Costs</b>	
DANB Exam fee (3 exams)	\$810.00
Textbooks	\$1,000.00
Concentra Substance Abuse Testing	\$62.00
ADAA student Membership	\$35.00
Castle Branch	\$58.00
CPR/First Aid Certificate	\$ 160.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,772.00</b>

- All fees are annual and based on full time enrollment. All costs are estimated and subject to change without notice.
- Costs associated with text books and student kit may qualify under Financial Aid.

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