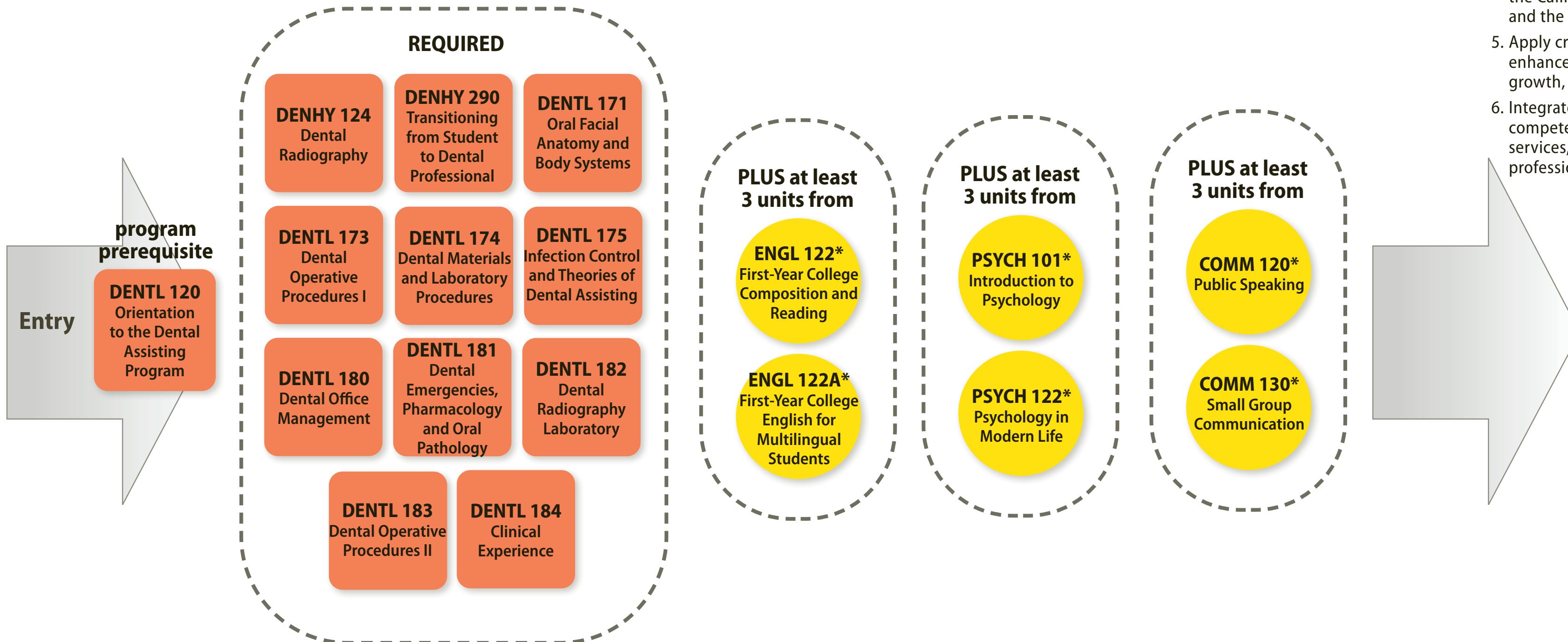




# DENTL Dental Assisting Certificate of Achievement



**total minimum required units 43.3**

 Required

 Elective

\* It is strongly recommended to complete the required general education courses (\*) prior to entering the dental assisting program in the fall term.

## PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students completing this program will be able to

1. Act as a member of the dental health team and apply professional, ethical and legal principles while functioning in the role of the Registered Dental Assistant (RDA).
2. Assume responsibility for prevention of disease transmission utilizing universal precautions in the work environment to protect those entrusted to their care.
3. Show competence in skills as described in the current California Dental Practice Act. Said professional should perform with a balance of professionalism and sensitivity characteristic of genuine compassionate care.
4. Exhibit knowledge necessary for successful completion of the California Registered Dental Assistant's Examination and the National Certified Dental Assistant's Examination.
5. Apply critical thinking and self-assessment skills to enhance learning, research, patient care, professional growth, and continued competency.
6. Integrate and apply health literacy and culturally competent communication skills to oral health care services, academic endeavors, community projects, and professional activities.

You need to see a Counselor for specific recommendations about courses that will best meet your educational goals. Not all courses on the map are offered every term. Consult the Catalog and the Schedule of Classes for more details.

For information about transferring, see:  
<https://www.dvc.edu/enrollment/transfer/index.html>

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