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

For information on careers in this field see:
https://www.dvc.edu/enrollment/career-employment/index.html

**DENTL Dental Assisting Certificate of Achievement**

**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.

**ENTRY**

**DENTL 120 Orientation to the Dental Assisting Program**

**REQUIRED**

- **DENHY 124** Dental Radiography
- **DENHY 290** Transitioning from Student to Dental Professional
- **DENTL 171** Oral Facial Anatomy and Body Systems
- **DENTL 173** Dental Operative Procedures I
- **DENTL 174** Dental Materials and Laboratory Procedures
- **DENTL 175** Infection Control and Theories of Dental Assisting
- **DENTL 180** Dental Office Management
- **DENTL 181** Dental Emergencies, Pharmacology and Oral Pathology
- **DENTL 182** Dental Radiography Laboratory
- **DENTL 183** Dental Operative Procedures II
- **DENTL 184** Clinical Experience

**PLUS at least 3 units from**

- **ENGL 122*** First-Year College Composition and Reading
- **PSYCH 101*** Introduction to Psychology
- **PSYCH 122*** Psychology in Modern Life

**PLUS at least 3 units from**

- **COMM 120*** Public Speaking
- **COMM 130*** Small Group Communication

**total minimum required units** 43.3

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