

## DIPLOMA IN DENTAL ASSISTING (DDA)

(Please see the *Undergraduate Program Offerings by Campus* chart in the catalog for a list of Herzing campuses offering this program.)

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The goal of the dental assisting program is to train the student to become a productive member of the dental health team. This includes preparing the student for a variety of duties performed by the dental assistant in the contemporary dental office, including chairside assisting, laboratory procedures, administrative duties, and expanded functions. Our ultimate goal is to prepare students to successfully gain entry-level employment as a dental assistant.

### PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Perform chairside techniques for a variety of dental procedures, utilizing current concepts of dental assisting after preparation of the treatment room with the appropriate instruments and materials.
2. Perform entry level expanded functions as allowable by State Regulatory Agencies.
3. Perform laboratory procedures including operating dental equipment used in laboratory settings.
4. Apply appropriate dental terminology related to patient care, records maintenance, and business office procedures.
5. Demonstrate first aid and management techniques to medical emergencies in dental practice.
6. Articulate appropriate attitude and ethical conduct for gaining trust of associates and patients.
7. Produce diagnostic radiographs utilizing appropriate safety measures.

### POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL TITLES

Potential occupational titles for this program include, but are not limited to, dental assistant.

### PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 47.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

### REQUIRED COURSES

All courses, 45.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
DS 101	Chairside Assisting I	None	4.00
DS 102	Preclinical Dental Assisting	None	4.00
DS 105	Dental Communications	None	1.00
DS 107	Dental Materials	None	3.00
DS 108	Dental Science	None	4.00
DS 110	Expanded Functions I	DS 101	4.00
DS 116	Radiology	DS 101, DS 102, DS 108, DS 110 and CPR	5.00
DS 119	Advanced Expanded Functions	DS 101, DS 102, DS 108, DS 110 and CPR; Corequisite DS 119L (MN) or DS 120 (OH)	2.00
DS 119L or DS 120	Advanced Expanded Functions Lab (Minnesota students only) or Clinical Applications (Ohio students only)	DS 101, DS 102, DS 108 and DS 110; Corequisite DS 119	2.00

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
DS 152	Chairside Assisting II	DS 101, DS 102, and DS 108	5.00
DS 204	Dental Management	DS 101 and DS 105	2.00
DS 207	Dental Ethics and Jurisprudence	DS 101 and DS 105	2.00
DS 294	Dental Assisting Internship *	Final semester and CPR	7.00

\* The student must have a program grade point average (PGPA) of 2.00 or above to continue in the program.

#### PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

2.00 semester credit hours are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
PD 121	Professional Development I	None	1.00
PD 202	Professional Development II	None	1.00

Distribution of Contact Hours by Course					
Course or Category	Lecture	Lab	Internship	Total Contact Hours	Credits
DS 101	45.00	30.00		75.00	4.00
DS 102	60.00			60.00	4.00
DS 105	15.00			15.00	1.00
DS 107	30.00	30.00		60.00	3.00
DS 108	60.00			60.00	4.00
DS 110	45.00	30.00		75.00	4.00
DS 116	60.00	30.00		90.00	5.00
DS 119	30.00			30.00	2.00
DS 119L (Minnesota)		60.00		60.00	2.00
DS 120 (Ohio)					
DS 152	60.00	30.00		90.00	5.00
DS 204	15.00	30.00		45.00	2.00
DS 207	30.00			30.00	2.00
DS 294			315.00	315.00	7.00
Personal/Professional Development	30.00			30.00	2.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>480.00</b>	<b>240.00</b>	<b>315.00</b>	<b>1,035.00</b>	<b>47.00</b>