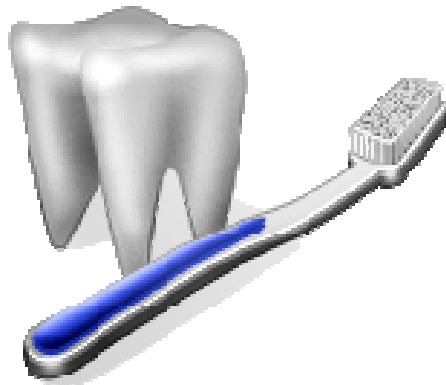


DENTAL ASSISTING



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Admissions to the College and to the Dental Assisting Program are two distinct processes.

Students are responsible for understanding both processes.

- Questions regarding admission to the College should be directed to Mr. Dann Webb, Director of Admissions, at (478) 988-6850 or dwebb@midlegatech.edu.
- Questions regarding admission to the Dental Assisting Program should be directed to Debbie Wrenn, Program Chairperson, at (478) 988-6800 ext 4026 or dwrenn@midlegatech.edu.

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The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Jeff Scruggs, Vice President, Room A210
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DENTAL ASSISTING STUDENT FILE CHECKLIST

Dear Applicant:

Your student record folder must contain the following items in order to be accepted for admission:

_____ Application for Admission

_____ High School/GED or College Transcript

_____ COMPASS, SAT, CPE or ASSET scores, if applicable

_____ Proof of Age

_____ *PSB Health Occupations Aptitude Examination Score

* The PSB is not required prior to entering MGTC, however, it is required that all Allied Health students take this exam. It is suggested this exam be taken during the quarter that core courses are being completed. The cost of the exam is \$20 and may be taken a maximum of two times. Only the highest score will be considered towards admission.

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Dental Assisting Program

WELCOME PROSPECTIVE STUDENT!

The Dental Assisting Program at Middle Georgia Technical College is a four-quarter, sequenced program. Students may begin to take core and pre-requisite classes in order to be admitted to the Dental Assisting program.

The Dental Assisting Program will prepare the graduate to assist the dentist with procedures and patient care in individual operatories of private practice or dental clinics. The learning experience will consist of classroom instruction, laboratory demonstration and practice, and clinical experience in the community. Courses will include Basic English, Math, Psychology, computer skills, human biology, radiology, dental practice management and preventive dentistry, as well as advanced courses in dental assisting theory and practice.

Entrance into the Dental Assisting program is competitive. Applicants will be ranked, and top candidates will be selected using the following factors. Points are awarded for the following to achieve a maximum of 100 points.

1. Cumulative GPA of core courses, 80 points
2. Successful completion of the PSB-Health Occupations Aptitude Exam, with a suggested minimum score of 230, 20 points

Admittance to the Dental Assisting Program will be dependent on obtaining core classes and prerequisites prior to a new class beginning in January (Winter Quarter). Any developmental or provisional classes must be completed prior to attempting core classes. Students must successfully complete DEN 101, (Human Biology), and AHS 104, (Introduction to Health Care), prior to Winter Quarter admission. Requirements for the admission process are included in the Student Catalog as well as this packet. Once admitted to the program, students must receive a minimum grade of 2.0 (C) or higher in each course of instruction to remain in the program. During the course of study, students will be required to attend the Expanded Functions Dental Assisting seminar for a \$70 non-refundable fee. After completing the program, students will be eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board Exam.

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Dental Assisting Program Suggested Sequence

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hour	Clock Hours/Week			Faculty /Student Ratio			Faculty Responsible
			Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	
1st Qtr. Fall									
Pre-DEN Courses									
MAT 1012	General Math	5	5	0	0	1:20	0	0	Academics
ENG 1010	Fund English I	5	5	0	0	1:20	0	0	Academics
PSY 1010	Basic Psychology	5	5	0	0	1:20	0	0	Academics
AHS 104	Introduction to Health	3	2	3	0	1:20	1:10	0	Wrenn/ AH Staff
DEN 1010	Basic Human Biology	2	2	0	0	1:20	0	0	Wrenn
Totals		20	19	3	0				
2nd Qtr. Winter									
Entering DEN Courses									
DEN 1020	Head/Neck Anatomy	2	2	0	0	1:20	0	0	Wrenn
DEN 1050	Micro/Infection Control	3	2	2	0	1:20	1:8		Wrenn
DEN 106	Oral Anatomy	5	5	0	0	1:20	0	0	Wrenn
DEN 1340	Dental Assisting I	6	3	5	0	1:20	1:10	0	Wrenn
SCT 100	Introduction to Microcomputers	3	2	3	0	1:20	0	0	CIS Staff
Totals		19	14	10	0				
3rd Qtr. Spring									
DEN 1030	Preventive Dentistry	3	2	1	0	1:20	1:10	0	Wrenn
DEN 1350	Dental Assisting II	6	3	5	0	1:20	1:10	0	Wrenn
DEN 1390	Dental Radiology	5	4	2	0	1:20	1:6		Wrenn/DHY staff
DEN 1460	Dental Practicum I	2	0	0	6	0	0	1:1	Wrenn
Total		16	9	8	6				
4th Qtr. Summer									
DEN 1070	Oral Pathology and Therapeutics	3	3	0	0	1:20	0	0	Wrenn
DEN 1360	Dental Assisting III	4	3	2	0	1:20	1:10	0	Wrenn
DEN 1370	Expanded Functions	4	3	2	0	1:20	1:10	0	Wrenn
DEN 1380	Scopes of Professional Practice	1	1	0	0	1:20	0	0	Wrenn
DEN 1470	Dental Practicum II	2	0	0	6	0	0	1:1	Wrenn
Total		14	10	4	6				
5th Qtr. Fall									
DEN 1090	DANB Board Review	2	2	0	0	1:20	0	0	Wrenn
DEN 1400	Dental Practice Management	4	3	1	0	1:20	1:20	0	Wrenn
DEN 1480	Practicum III	8	0	0	24			1:1	Wrenn
Total		14	5	1	24				
Program Totals		83	57	26	36				

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Estimated Expenses and Program Cost Analysis Dental Assisting Program

Item	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Fifth Quarter
Application Fee	\$15				
Registration Fee	\$26				
Tuition (83 hours)	\$664 (est.)	\$664 (est.)	\$664 (est.)	\$664 (est.)	\$664 (est.)
Student Activity Fee	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16
Instructional and Tech Fee	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35
Dosimeters	0	0	\$15	\$15	\$15
Books (estimated)	\$250	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
EFDA seminar				\$70	
Uniforms		\$125			
Liability insurance		\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12
Sub-total	\$1006	\$1052	\$942	\$1012	\$942
TOTAL \$4954					

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Dental Assistant Physical and Mental Performance Requirements

Dental Assisting is a stressful and physically demanding course of study. To successfully complete the curriculum and function effectively as a dental assistant after graduation from the program, the student should:

1. Possess visual acuity. With or without corrected vision, the student should be able to read instruments calibrated in millimeters and be able to detect subtle differences in shade and coloring.
2. Possess hearing ability. With or without auditory aids, the student should be able to measure blood pressure using an aneroid sphygmomanometer, verbally obtain a medical/dental history from a patient, and receive oral communication during dental procedures.
3. Possess manual dexterity. The student must be able to perform fine motor functions associated with dental instrumentation.
4. Possess physical ability. The student must be able to reach, manipulate, and operate dental equipment necessary for dental procedures.
5. Possess ability to communicate. With or without speaking aids, the student must be able to disseminate information relevant to dental care. The dental assistant must be able to communicate, both verbally and in writing, with patients, patient's family members, medical, and dental personnel.
6. Possess emotional stability. The student must be able to make appropriate decisions in an emergency situation and in day-to-day interactions with patients/staff/dentists/and others.

NOTE: It has been determined that radiation exposure to an unborn fetus can be harmful. If you are pregnant, think you might be pregnant or are trying to become pregnant, you should notify the instructor or program chairperson as soon as possible. Students are required to work in radiation areas during all clinical rotations. All students must wear film badges at all times while working in the dental clinic or clinical sites.

Dental Assisting students perform Category I & II tasks: "All tasks/procedures/activities where there is the definite potential for contact with blood, other potentially infectious body materials or airborne pathogens." These tasks include: exposure to blood/fluids, handling contaminated sharps, cleaning contaminated equipment, suctioning of oral cavity, sterilizing contaminated instruments, and general chairside procedures.