

# EXPANDED DUTY DENTAL ASSISTING (EDDA) INFORMATION SESSION

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# WHAT CAN I DO AS AN EXPANDED DUTY DENTAL ASSISTANT?

The Expanded Duty Dental Assisting program prepares students for dental assisting procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. The program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Graduates are certified in infection control, radiation health and safety, and are eligible for certification in monitoring nitrous oxide sedation by the South Carolina Board of Dentistry. Upon satisfactory completion of the Dental Assisting National Board, graduates are designated certified dental assistants (CDA). 4

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the national average annual salary for Expanded Duty Dental Assistant in the U.S. is \$44,820 as of 2022 (this varies greatly depending on the state and setting). The Dental Assisting career is expected to grow by 11% from 2020-2030 , which is faster than average.

## GENERAL PROGRAM FACTS

- The Expanded Duty Dental Assisting Program admits:
  - 24 Full-Time Students that start in the Summer
- All Lecture and Labs are face to face on the main campus
- All clinical rotations are offsite at affiliate facilities

# EXPANDED DUTY DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM GOALS

- Goal 1: **Critical Thinking**- Dental assisting graduates will be able to utilize critical thinking skills to assist in the treatment and care of all patients.
- Goal 2: **Quality and Safety**- Dental assisting graduates will adhere to state and federal laws, recommendations and regulations in providing quality care using safe and effective practices.
- Goal 3: **Communication**- Dental assisting graduates will be able to communicate effectively with a variety of patients from diverse backgrounds, in addition to peers and other dental health care providers.
- Goal 4: **Professionalism**- Dental assisting graduates will exhibit ethical and preferred values that mirror the ADA Code of Ethics in a variety of situations.
- Goal 5: **Life-Long Learning**- Dental assisting graduates will demonstrate the ability to self-assess the knowledge that is required for life-long learning.

## WHAT DOES A POTENTIAL STUDENT NEED TO KNOW? (PART 1 OF 5)

- Applicants will be admitted to this program on a first-qualified, first-admitted basis. Applicants are considered to be qualified for admission to the next available class when they meet all college and program requirements.
- Managing work, school and personal life can be challenging due to program demands. It is recommended that a student does not work full-time while enrolled in the program.
- Students enrolled in Full-Time EDDA Program will follow a 3-semester curriculum with general education and program courses being taught at the Thornley Campus and at affiliate clinical facilities.
- All courses are taught during daytime hours.
- All General Education courses must be completed during or prior to the scheduled semester with a final grade of “C”, 71% or better.
- General Education course sequence: IDS 109, ENG 101, PSY 201
- Estimated Cost of program is \$8,000- \$10,000

## WHAT DOES A POTENTIAL STUDENT NEED TO KNOW? (PART 2 OF 5)

- Student may be exposed to blood and body fluids as well as communicable diseases. Upon admission into the Expanded Duty Dental Assisting Program, all student are required to abide by the Center of Disease Control's (CDC) Standard Precautions in order to decrease disease transmission of disease.
- Standard Precautions is treating all body substances; body fluid and blood of all clients as potentially infectious. Practicing Standard Precautions will ensure protections against COVID-19, HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), the cause of AIDS, HBV (Hepatitis B Virus), the primary cause of viral hepatitis, and all other blood borne infectious agents. Strict adherence to these guidelines will be required of all students.

### **Health Information**

- COVID-19 vaccines as well as other vaccines/immunizations/titers may be required for some health sciences programs in order to attend clinicals. Should immunizations and titers be required by the Health Sciences program and the student refuses to obtain the vaccines/immunizations/titers, this may impact the student's ability to be assigned to certain clinical rotations, which may in turn impact the student's ability to continue in the program.

## WHAT DOES A POTENTIAL STUDENT NEED TO KNOW? (PART 3 OF 5)

- A criminal background check and drug screening is required for all Expanded Duty Dental Assisting students. This process is completed after orientation and before classes begin. Results of the background check and/or drug screen, could affect a student's ability to complete clinical rotation, and/or their ability to become certified.
- Student must have:
  - Proof of major medical insurance
  - CPR- Adult/Child Health Care Provider/AED
  - Immunizations/titers (HBV, Varicella, MMR, Dtap, TB Test, Immunization Record/Titer Results)
  - Flu Vaccine
  - Dental Exam Record
  - Health Examination
- Students are required to pay a uniform fee for uniforms. Uniforms are kept on campus in the Dental Services locker room. They are laundered daily.
- Visible tattoos and/or body piercings must be covered while in uniform.

## WHAT DOES A POTENTIAL STUDENT NEED TO KNOW? (PART 4 OF 5)

- Reliable transportation is required to and from clinical rotation sites and campus classes. Lack of transportation will not be a justifiable reason for missing class or clinic.
- While enrolled in the program, parking at clinical rotation sites may not be provided free of charge. Students are responsible for any parking fees that may incur.
- Clinical rotations require that the students work at a dental office from 8am – 5pm Monday-Friday. Students must plan appropriately to ensure attendance at clinical rotation sites.
- Students are required to attend professional meetings and must have transportation to and from the meetings.
- Once student has received their acceptance letter, they must attend the mandatory orientation that is scheduled in May.

## WHAT DOES A POTENTIAL STUDENT NEED TO KNOW? (PART 5 OF 5)

In order to progress to the next semester once accepted into the program, students must:

1. Earn a grade of “C”, 71% or better in all courses required for the program.
2. Maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA throughout the program.
3. Earn a satisfactory grade of “S” on all professional development evaluations.
4. Successfully meet the clinical attendance policy.

# ESTIMATE OF ADDITIONAL COSTS

- There are additional costs that financial aid may not pay. The student will be responsible for any cost that financial aid does not cover.
- A due date is set during each semester when fees are due. Students are required to meet the due dates to be eligible to continue in the program. Due dates and the amount owed are given to students well in advance so the students are prepared to pay if financial aid does not cover the cost.
- Summer Semester Additional Costs
  - Dentoform \$165
  - Supplies \$150
  - Uniform/Shoes \$150
  - Medical Physical Immunizations \$300
  - CPR \$65
  - Background check and Drug Testing-estimated cost \$138
  - Textbooks \$375
  - DANB Infection Control Exam \$270



- Fall Semester

- Radiology Badge \$100
- Textbooks \$100
- DANB Radiation Health & Safety Exam \$270

- Spring Semester

- DANB General Chairsides Exam \$270
- Textbooks \$50

## ATTENDANCE/PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR

- Attendance and Promptness is extremely important; it is a goal of this program to prepare the student for the responsibilities of the profession.
- Successfully meet the clinical attendance policy.
- Students will be expected to exhibit professional behavior at all times, as they become a member of the dental health care team.
- Professional development and clinical evaluations will be used to assess your progress. These evaluations are directly tied to success in the Expanded Duty Dental Assisting courses.

## WHAT STEPS DO I NEED TO TAKE TO APPLY TO THE EXPANDED DUTY DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM? (PART 1 OF 2)

- Applicants will be admitted to this program on a first-qualified, first-admitted basis. Applicants are considered to be qualified for admission to the next available class when they meet all college and program requirements.
- Program Admission Requirements:
  - A. Applicants should ensure that documentation of each of the following admission requirements is on file in the Admissions office as soon as it is completed.
  - B. Achieve qualifying scores on the college's placement test, SAT or ACT. Contact an academic advisor and complete all courses indicated by placement test scores
  - C. Complete a Health Science application

NOTE: When the number of applicants qualifying at the same time exceeds the number of spaces available in the program, admission will be prioritized according to the date and time that the Health Sciences application was received in the Admissions office.

## WHAT STEPS DO I NEED TO TAKE TO APPLY TO THE EXPANDED DUTY DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM? (PART 2 OF 2)

- D. Satisfy academic probation/suspension requirements, if applicable, by providing proof of a minimum 2.0 GPA on all college course work by submitting official copies of college transcripts to the Admissions office
- E. Maintain a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA and not be on academic or disciplinary suspension at the time of admission and date of entry into the program.
- F. Submit proof of a minimum of five (5) hours of observation of a certified dental assistant or a graduate of an ADA-accredited dental assisting program working in a General Dentistry practice. The applicant is responsible for arranging the observation time.
- G. **Successfully complete the on-line information quiz with a score of 100.**
- H. Submit Statement of Completion form
- J. Upon admission to the program, provide the TTC program coordinator with a completed, current Health Sciences-Student Health Record. Applicants who meet college and program requirements will be considered qualified and will be admitted on a first-qualified, first-admitted basis. Qualified applicants will be sent a letter indicating the year and semester that they have been admitted.

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