

Dental Assisting Program Admission Requirements

This program uses a competitive selection process. Meeting the minimum requirements for admission will not guarantee acceptance to the Dental Assisting program.

The timeline to apply to the Fall 2024 Dental Assisting program is
Monday, April 1st, 2024 at 12:00 am – Monday, June 10, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS

- To be accepted into the College and qualify for the selection process, students must complete all STC admission requirements found here: <https://www.savannahtech.edu/admissions/apply-online/>
- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age to apply to the Dental Assisting Program and 16 to apply to the college.
- Apply to the college online at <https://www.savannahtech.edu/admissions/apply-online/>
 - The application fee for a new student is \$25.00 and \$10.00 for a readmit student.
 - Required Documentation: All four of these documentation requirements must be met in order to register for classes:
 - Proof of Lawful Presence
 - Proof of Georgia Residency (to qualify for in-state tuition rate)
 - Official High School /GED Transcripts
 - Official College Transcripts
- Arrange to take the **Placement test, if required**, by appointment with the testing office.
- Complete a financial aid application. PELL grants and other aid are available to qualified students when they complete the financial aid application.
- Obtain regular admission status to Savannah Technical College.

Information on this box pertains to acceptance to the college and does not guarantee selection into any program. See Student Affairs regarding status of acceptance to Savannah Technical College.

COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS – Dental Assisting

All items below must be completed by the published competitive selection deadline.

- Successfully complete all required GPA calculation courses for selection.
- Submit a Competitive Admissions Health Science Programs Application online at <https://www.savannahtech.edu/competitive-admissions-health-science-programs/>. This link is also available on the program webpage during the application period. The \$25.00 fee for applying to a competitive health science program must be paid at the cashier office to be considered for selection to the program. This fee is required for each application cycle in which an application is submitted.

The number of seats available for each program cohort are limited based on clinical slots and/or program accrediting agency requirements. Therefore, the number of students accepted can vary with each application cycle. Only students who meet the minimum eligibility requirements as outlined will be considered for selection.

Prior to the start of the program, students must satisfy one of the following entrance pathways:

1. Complete the Health Care Assistant Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC)** with Basic Dental Assistant specialization.
2. Complete the prerequisite courses required for Dental Hygiene and the Basic Dental Assisting specialization courses (DENA1050, DENA1080, & DENA1340).

PATHWAY 1: HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT**REQUIRED COURSES for the Health Care Assistant TCC***

ENGL 1010 - Fundamentals of English	3 credit hours
MATH 1012 - Foundations of Math	3 credit hours
PSYC 1010 - Basic Psychology	3 credit hours
ALSH 1011 - Anatomy and Physiology	5 credit hours
ALHS 1090 - Medical Terminology	2 credit hours
COMP 1000 - Introduction to Microcomputers <i>OR</i> COLL1010 College and Career Success Skills	3 credit hours
ALHS 1040 - Introduction to Health Care	3 credit hours

**Higher level courses may be substituted where applicable*

REQUIRED COURSES for Basic Dental Assisting Specialization

DENA 1050 – Dental Microbiology	3 credit hours
DENA 1080 – Dental Anatomy	4 credit hours
DENA 1340 – Dental Assisting I	6 credit hours

PATHWAY 2: DENTAL HYGIENE PREREQUISITES**REQUIRED PREREQUISITE COURSES for Dental Hygiene**

ENGL 1101 – Composition and Rhetoric	3 credit hours
MATH 1103 – Quantitative Skills and Reasoning <i>OR</i> MATH 1111 – College Algebra	3 credit hours
PSYC 1101 – Introductory Psychology	3 credit hours
Humanities Elective (ARTS1101, HUMN1101, MUSC1101, ENGL2130)	3 credit hours
BIOL 2113 & BIOL 2113L – Anatomy and Physiology I & Lab AND BIOL 2114 & BIOL 2114L – Anatomy and Physiology II & Lab	8 credit hours
CHEM 1151 & CHEM 1151L – Survey of Inorganic Chemistry & Lab OR CHEM 1211 & CHEM 1211L – Chemistry I & Lab	4 credit hours
SOCI 1101 – Introduction to Sociology	3 credit hours
SPCH 1101 – Public Speaking	3 credit hours
BIOL 2117 & BIOL 2117L – Introductory Microbiology & Lab	4 credit hours
DHYG 2110 – Biochemistry and Nutrition	2 credit hours

REQUIRED COURSES for Basic Dental Assisting Specialization

DENA 1050 – Dental Microbiology	3 credit hours
DENA 1080 – Dental Anatomy	4 credit hours
DENA 1340 – Dental Assisting I	6 credit hours

- **GPA Calculation of Selection Courses-** A minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 is required for entry into the Dental Assisting program. The six (6) courses used to calculate the GPA are:

ENGL 1010 Fundamentals of English OR ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric
MATH 1012 Foundations of Math OR MATH 1103 / MATH 1111 or higher
PSYC 1010 Basic Psychology OR PSYC 1101 Introductory Psychology
ALHS 1011 Anatomy and Physiology OR BIOL 2113, BIOL 2113L and BIOL 2114, BIOL 2114L
COMP 1000 Introduction to Computer Literacy OR COLL1010 College and Career Success Skills OR Humanities Elective (ARTS 1101, MUSC 1101, HUMN 1101, or ENGL 2130)
ALHS 1040 Introduction to Health Care OR DHYG 2110 Biochemistry and Nutrition

Multiple Attempts – When a course is taken more than once, the highest grade earned will be used to calculate the GPA. Transfer credits will be included in the GPA calculation where applicable.

Course Expiration Date – There is no expiration date for courses used to calculate the GPA. COMP1000 has an expiration date of 5 years and must not be older than 5 years at the time of program completion.

- **Entrance Test** – The TEAS test is not required for Dental Assisting.

Application Period(s)

Fall Entrance: Applications are accepted online on the Dental Assisting webpage from April 1st 12:00 am through June 10th at 5:00 pm for Fall Semester start of the Dental Assisting program.

Notification of Selection

Students will receive selection notification no later than 4 weeks after the application deadline. Only applicants who have obtained regular admission status to Savannah Technical College for the semester for which they applied and who have submitted a Competitive Admissions Health Science Programs Application and paid the \$25 competitive fee at the cashier office by the application deadline will be notified of their selection status to the program.

Notification will be sent to the email address(es) provided in the Competitive Admissions Health Science Programs Application. If notified of an offer of selection, students will have 48 hours to reply to the email. **Students must confirm acceptance of the seat in order to be added to the program.** If a student declines the offer or does not reply within the specified timeframe, the seat will be offered to the next student in the rank-order calculation.

Other Criteria

In addition to the selection criteria listed above, students must also possess current American Heart Association BLS (CPR) prior to starting the Dental Assisting program. Students are expected to abide by and uphold professional and ethical standards at all times in accordance with STC's Code of Conduct and the program handbook.

STC cannot guarantee licensure or certification to any graduate of any program or the ability to participate in clinicals. Eligibility for clinical participation is determined by, and subject to the rules and regulations of the partner clinical facilities. Eligibility requirements for clinical participation may include, but are not limited to: successfully passing a criminal background check and drug screen analysis; attending mandatory orientation for the facility; and submitting a complete immunization record and/or titer including current COVID-19 vaccination or booster before placement in clinical settings. Students are assigned to clinical facilities based on the academic requirements of the course. Students should expect to travel to facilities anywhere within the STC service area to attend clinicals.

Students Residential Criteria

The following residential criteria is established for admission into programs that admit students on competitive basis:

- In accordance with TCSG Procedure 6.6.1p Student Tuition and Fees, Out of State Students shall be enrolled in the College on a space available basis and shall not displace any Georgia Student desiring to enroll in the College.

- Military-affiliated students who are deemed eligible for HOPE grant or scholarship per Georgia Student Finance Commission regulations will not be considered Out-of-State Students for purposes of competitive program admission.
- Out-of-State students who apply for competitive admissions programs shall be considered for admission on a space available basis. They shall not displace any student with a Georgia domicile who meets minimum requirements for admission to the program.
- Non-Citizen students who apply for competitive admissions programs shall be considered for admission on a space available basis. They shall not displace any student with a Georgia domicile. Eligible Non-Citizen or Out-of-State student who meets minimum requirements for admission to the program

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