

Dental Assisting Curriculum Example

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Curriculum/Stage	Recommended dentalcare.com Courses
Semester I	
Dental Anatomy (Basic Orofacial Anatomy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anatomy & Histology of the Gingiva and Basic Oral Hygiene (CE103) An Overview of Dental Anatomy (CE500) Forensic Odontology: Part 1 (CE503) Forensic Odontology: Part 2 (CE504) Managing Dental Erosion: Current Understanding and Future Directions (CE517) Oral Piercings: Implications for Dental Professionals (CE423) Practical Panoramic Radiography (CE71) Professional Dental Terminology for the Dental Assistant and Hygienist (CE542) The Detection and Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders in Primary Dental Care (CE395)
Dental Materials (Dental Materials)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care & Maintenance of Dental Restorations (CE468) Current Concepts in Dental Implants: Clinical Assessment in the Prevention of Peri-implant Mucositis, Peri-implantitis, and Implant Failure (CE514) Dental Implants and Esthetics (CE203) Full Coverage Aesthetic Restoration of Primary Teeth, Part 1 – Anterior Teeth (CE379) Full Coverage Aesthetic Restoration of Primary Teeth, Part 2 – Posterior Teeth (CE480) Fundamentals of Dentifrice: Oral Health Benefits in a Tube (CE410) Hazardous (and Universal) Waste Management (CE499) Prosthesis Retention and Effective Use of Denture Adhesive in Complete Denture Therapy (CE360)
Chairside Assisting I (Pre-clinical Procedures)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Demineralization/ Remineralization (CE372) Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Diagnosis (CE373) Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Epidemiology (CE368) Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Erosion (CE374) Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Intervention (CE376) Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Prevention (CE375) Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Risk Assessment (CE377) Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Agent (CE369) Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Environment (CE371) Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Host (CE370) Dental Implications of Adolescent Pregnancy (CE463) Diagnostic Guidelines for Blood Pressure Screening Techniques (CE490) Ergonomics: We Have to Work to Be Comfortable (CE508) Ethics in Dentistry – Part I – Principles and Values (CE510) Ethics in Dentistry – Part II – Codes of Ethics (CE528) Ethics in Dentistry: Part III – Ethical Decision Making (CE546) Health Literacy for the Dental Team (CE335)

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Chairside Assisting I (Pre-clinical Procedures) (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypertension: Risk Stratification and Patient Management in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE407) • Marijuana and Oral Health (CE460) • Oral Health and General Health – What are the Connections? (CE477) • Oral Health Care: A Whole New Language (CE21) • Pharmacology of Local Anesthetics: Clinical Implications (CE449) • Professional Dental Terminology for the Dental Assistant and Hygienist (CE542)
Infection Control (Infection/Hazard Control)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjunctive and Prophylactic Use of Antibacterial Agents in Dentistry (CE475) • Clinical Practice Guidelines for an Infection Control/Exposure Control Program in the Oral Healthcare Setting (CE342) • Hand Hygiene: Infection Control/Exposure Control Issues for Oral Healthcare Workers (CE353) • Hazard Communication Compliance (CE502) • Hazardous (and Universal) Waste Management (CE499) • HIV: Infection Control/Exposure Control Issues for Oral Healthcare Workers (CE97) • Infection Control-related Administrative Policies and Work Restrictions (CE473) • Introduction to Standard and Transmission Based Precautions (CE535) • Mandated, Highly Recommended, and Other Vaccines for Oral Healthcare Personnel Workers (CE479) • Pathogens Associated with Putative Healthcare-associated Infections in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE482) • Personal Protective Equipment (CE483) • Postexposure Evaluation and Follow-up (CE472) • Putting it All Together: Practicum (CE511) • Sterilization and Disinfection of Patient-care Items in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE474)
Semester II	
Basic Sciences (Intro to Anatomy/ Physiology/ Microbiology)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desquamative Gingivitis (CE481) • Diabetes: A Multifaceted Syndrome Treatment Considerations in Dentistry (CE93) • Forensic Dentistry (CE401) • From Gumline to Waistline: The Link Between Periodontal Disease and Obesity (CE518) • Hypertension: Risk Stratification and Patient Management in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE407) • Oral Health and General Health – What are the Connections? (CE477) • The Detection and Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders in Primary Dental Care (CE395) • Xerostomia: A Continuing Challenge for Oral Healthcare Professionals (CE96)
Advanced Functions (Clinical Practice I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental Implants and Esthetics (CE203) • Mission Trips – First Do No Harm (CE397) • Pit & Fissure Sealants: The Added Link in Preventative Dentistry (CE128)
Chairside II (Clinical Practice I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are You a Supertaster? (CE455) • Burning Mouth Syndrome (CE434) • Care & Maintenance of Dental Restorations (CE468) • Community-based Dental Care: An Alternative Approach to Improve Access to Dental Providers (CE552) • Comprehensive Oral Healthcare Long-term Treatment Planning (CE492) • Counseling and Treating Bad Breath Patients: A Step-By-Step Approach (CE130) • Current Concepts in Dental Implants: Clinical Assessment in the Prevention of Peri-implant Mucositis, Peri-implantitis, and Implant Failure (CE514) • Dental Implants and Esthetics (CE203) • Dental Implications of Adolescent Pregnancy (CE463)

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Chairside II (Clinical Practice I) (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dentinal Hypersensitivity: A Review (CE200) • Electronic Cigarettes the Past, Present and Future (CE451) • From Evidence to Causality (CE530) – <i>Coming Soon</i> • Healthy Mouth, Healthy Mom, Healthy Baby: Optimal Oral Health Care Before, During and After Pregnancy (CE505) • Hypertension: Risk Stratification and Patient Management in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE407) • Infection Control-related Administrative Policies and Work Restrictions (CE473) • Lasers in Dentistry: Minimally Invasive Tools for the Modern Practice (CE394) • Maintaining Healthy, Pain-free Posture for the Dental Professional (CE523) • Management of Pediatric Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE391) • Management of Traumatic Injuries to Children’s Teeth (CE98) • Managing Adult Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE516) • Managing Dental Erosion: Current Understanding and Future Directions (CE517) • No Sugar Coating It! The Link between Periodontal Disease and Diabetes Mellitus (CE520) • Oral Piercings: Implications for Dental Professionals (CE423) • Ortho 101 for the Dental Professional (CE413) • Orthodontics: A Review (CE202) • Peri-implant Disease: Pathogenesis, Risk Factors, Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment (CE457) • Periodontal Screening and Recording: Early Detection of Periodontal Diseases (CE53) • Periodontics: Oral Health and Wellness I. Understanding Periodontal Health, Recognizing Disease States and Choices in Treatment Strategies (CE50) • Sharpening Periodontal Instruments (CE526) • The Detection and Management of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders in Primary Dental Care (CE395) • Tobacco 101: A Guide to Working with Nicotine Addicted Patients (CE534) • Treating Patients with Autism in a Dental Setting (CE402) • Treating the Aging Baby Boomer: Looking Through the Crystal Ball (CE459) • Xerostomia: A Continuing Challenge for Oral Healthcare Professionals (CE96)
Medical Emergencies (Clinical Practice I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental Management of Patients with Bleeding Disorders (CE319) • Diabetes: A Multifaceted Syndrome Treatment Considerations in Dentistry (CE93) • Geriatric Dentistry: From Entry to Exit and Beyond (CE484) • Hypertension: Risk Stratification and Patient Management in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE407) • Management of Pediatric Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE391) • Management of Traumatic Injuries to Children’s Teeth (CE98) • Managing Adult Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE516) • Sedation in the Dental Office: An Overview (CE464) • Understanding Asthma Patients in the Dental Office (CE408)
Radiology (Dental Radiology)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cone-Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) Applications in Dentistry (CE531) • Digital Imaging in Dentistry: Intraoral, Extraoral, and 3D Technology (CE512) • Intraoral Imaging: Basic Principles, Techniques and Error Correction (CE559) • Panoramic Radiographs: Technique & Anatomy Review (CE533) • Practical Panoramic Radiography (CE71) • Radiographic Techniques for the Pediatric Patient (CE63)
Chairside III (Dental Specialties) (Clinical Practice II)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Humanistic Approach to Team Member Motivation (CE525) • Aging, Systemic Disease and Oral Health: Implications for Women Worldwide (Part I) (CE302) • Aging, Systemic Disease and Oral Health: Implications for Women Worldwide (Part II) (CE330)

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Semester III	
Chairside III (Dental Specialties) (Clinical Practice II) (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Introduction to Substance Use Disorders for Dental Professionals (CE545) • Basic Techniques for Management of the Infant and Toddler Patient (CE54) • Botulinum Toxin Therapeutics for Orofacial Pain and Dental Esthetics (CE555) – <i>Coming Soon</i> • Burning Mouth Syndrome (CE434) • Community-based Dental Care: An Alternative Approach to Improve Access to Dental Providers (CE552) • Creaky Joints and Bleeding Gums: The Interactions between Periodontal Disease and Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) (CE519) • Current Concepts in Dental Implants: Preventing Peri-Implant Mucositis, Peri-Implantitis, and Implant Failure (CE514) • Dental Implications of the Patient with ADHD (CE359) • Developing a Career in Public Health (CE478) • Forensic Dentistry (CE401) • Forensic Odontology - Part I (CE503) • Forensic Odontology - Part II (CE504) • Geriatric Dentistry: From Entry to Exit and Beyond (CE484) • Hazard Communication Compliance (CE502) • Hypertension: Risk Stratification and Patient Management in Oral Healthcare Settings (CE407) • Lasers in Dentistry: Minimally Invasive Tools for the Modern Practice (CE394) • Local Anesthesia in Pediatric Dentistry (CE325) • Maintaining Healthy, Pain-free Posture for the Dental Professional (CE523) • Management of Pediatric Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (CE391) • New and Evolving Concepts in Orthodontics (CE524) • Oral Appliance Therapy as a Therapy for OSA and Snoring (CE529) – <i>Coming Soon</i> • Oral Health and General Health – What are the Connections? (CE477) • Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy in Traditional Dental Settings (CE507) • Ortho 101 for the Dental Professional (CE413) • Radiographic Techniques for the Pediatric Patient (CE63) • Saliva: Liquid Magic (CE414) • Sedation in the Dental Office: An Overview (CE464) • Smiles For Tomorrow (CE4) • The Management of Patients with Periodontal and Cardiovascular Diseases (CE544) • Tobacco 101: A Guide to Working with Nicotine Addicted Patients (CE534) • Treating the Aging Baby Boomer: Looking Through the Crystal Ball (CE459) • Welcoming Older Adults to Your Dental Office (CE568) • What to Know About Whitening (CE491) – <i>Coming Soon</i>
Preventive Dentistry (Dental Health Education)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A String Around Your Finger: Do We Really Need to Floss? (CE550) • Are You a Supertaster? (CE455) • Biofilm: A New View of Plaque (CE42) • Bruxism: The Grind of the Matter (CE485) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Demineralization/ Remineralization (CE372) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Diagnosis (CE373) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Epidemiology (CE368) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Erosion (CE374) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Intervention (CE376) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Prevention (CE375) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: Risk Assessment (CE377) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Agent (CE369)

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Preventive Dentistry (Dental Health Education) (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Environment (CE371) • Caries Process and Prevention Strategies: The Host (CE370) • Counseling and Treating Bad Breath Patients: A Step-By-Step Approach (CE130) • Creaky Joints and Bleeding Gums: The Interactions between Periodontal Disease and Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) (CE519) • Current Concepts in Preventive Dentistry (CE334) • Desquamative Gingivitis (CE481) • Effective Adult Learning for Oral Health Education (CE74) • Electronic Cigarettes the Past, Present and Future (CE451) • From Evidence to Causality (CE530) – <i>Coming Soon</i> • Healthy Mouth, Healthy Mom, Healthy Baby: Optimal Oral Health Care Before, During and After Pregnancy (CE505) • Immunological and Inflammatory Aspects of Periodontal Disease (CE1) • Improving Oral Health Literacy: Teaching Primary School Students through the <i>Lessons in a Lunch Box</i> Program (CE456) • Marijuana and Oral Health (CE460) • Mission Trips – First Do No Harm (CE397) • Motivational Interviewing: A Patient-Centered Approach to Elicit Positive Behavior Change (CE381) • No Sugar Coating It! The Link between Periodontal Disease and Diabetes Mellitus (CE520) • Nutrition & Oral Health: Eating Well for a Healthy Mouth (CE301) • Oral Appliance Therapy as a Therapy for OSA and Snoring (CE529) – <i>Coming Soon</i> • Oral Health and General Health – What are the Connections? (CE477) • Oral Health Care: A Whole New Language (CE21) • Overview of Power Toothbrush Technology (CE543) • Periodontal Screening and Recording: Early Detection of Periodontal Diseases (CE53) • Restorative Dental Patient Education (CE497) • Saliva: Liquid Magic (CE414) • Salivary Diagnostics in Oral Diseases (CE521) • The Fundamentals of Dentifrice: Oral Health Benefits in a Tube (CE410) • The Truth about Hidden Sugars: A Risk for Health (CE558) – <i>Coming Soon</i> • Welcoming Older Adults to Your Dental Office (CE568) • Xerostomia: A Continuing Challenge for Oral Healthcare Professionals (CE96)
Office Practice Management (Practice Management)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a Blueprint to Achieve Professional Success (CE447) • Cyber Security and the Dental Office (Part I): Protecting Your Office Computer Network (CE476) • Cyber Security and the Dental Office (Part II): Be Prepared: Hacker Tricks and Security Emergencies (CE489) • Dental Records: Best Practices for Information Management and Retention (CE532) • Ethics in Dentistry: Part 3 – Ethical Decision Making (CE546) • Factors involved in Dental Care Delivery Expansion (CE496) • Forensic Odontology - Part I (CE503) • Forensic Odontology - Part II (CE504) • From Evidence to Casualty (CE530) – <i>Coming Soon</i> • Hazardous (and Universal) Waste Management (CE499) • Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (CE471) • Practice in Motion: Part I (CE553) • Practice in Motion: Part II - 6 Components of Posture (CE554) • Understanding and Evaluating Associateship Opportunities (CE515)

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Pharmacology (Dental Sciences)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjunctive and Prophylactic Use of Antibacterial Agents in Dentistry (CE475) • Adverse Drug Reactions - Part I (CE536) • Adverse Drug Reactions - Part II (CE537) • Basic Pharmacology: Part I – Pharmacodynamic and Pharmacokinetic Principles (CE486) • Basic Pharmacology: Part II – Pharmacotherapeutic Issues, Drug Regulations, and Prescription Writing (CE506) • Cardiovascular Drugs in the Top 200: Clinical Implications (CE493) • Commonly Prescribed Medications in Pediatric Dentistry (CE336) • Electronic Cigarettes the Past, Present and Future (CE451) • Endocrine and Metabolic Agents in the Top 200: Clinical Implications (CE509) • Epinephrine: Friend or Foe? (CE547) • Infection Control-related Administrative Policies and Work Restrictions (CE473) • Local Anesthesia in Today's Dental Practice (CE325) • Marijuana and Oral Health (CE460) • Methamphetamine: Implications for the Dental Team (CE332) • Pharmacology of Selected Therapeutic Agents in Oral Medicine (CE541) • Pharmacology of Analgesics: Clinical Considerations (CE442) • Pharmacology of Antifungal and Antiviral Agents (CE538) • Pharmacology of Local Anesthetics: Clinical Implications (CE449) • Pharmacology of the Central Nervous System: Clinical Implications (CE539) • Pharmacology of the Respiratory, Gastrointestinal and Genitourinary Drugs: Clinical Implications (CE540) • Powerful Therapeutic Spices in Medicine (CE549) • Tobacco 101: A Guide to Working with Nicotine Addicted Patients (CE534) • Sedation in the Dental Office: An Overview (CE464) • The Dental Professional's Role in the Opioid Crisis (CE560) – <i>Coming Soon</i> • The Oral Implications of Chemical Dependency & Substance Abuse (CE442)
Oral Pathology (Dental Sciences)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actinic Cheilosis: Etiology, Epidemiology, Clinical Manifestations, Diagnosis, and Treatment (CE400) • Bruxism: The Grind of the Matter (CE485) • Creaky Joints and Bleeding Gums: The Interactions between Periodontal Disease and Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) (CE519) • Dental Implications of Adolescent Pregnancy (CE463) • Electronic Cigarettes the Past, Present and Future (CE451) • No Sugar Coating It! The Link between Periodontal Disease and Diabetes Mellitus (CE520)