Dental Assistant (31-508-1)
Technical Diploma
Effective 2023/2024

The course sequence shown on this sheet is the recommended path to completion. Courses will be scheduled in the terms indicated here.
All courses should be taken in the order shown to help you stay on track and graduate according to your academic plan.
Courses in this program may be offered in a variety or combination of formats (for example: in-person, video conferencing, online, etc.).

K-D = Kenosha/days, F=Fall, S=Spring, SU=Summer

Term	Course #	Cr.	Course Title	Requisites (prereq- before/ coreq-with)	K-D
1	890-155	1	⦿ Gateway to Success (G2S)		SU
1	*508-101	1	Dental Health Safety[4,6]	Prereq: Advisor Consent	SU
1	801-301	1	Writing Principles[2]	Prereq: 851-756	SU
1	801-302	1	Speaking Principles		SU
2	*508-103	2	Dental Radiography[4]	Prereq: Advisor Consent; 508-101 Coreq: 508-304	F
2	*508-113	2	Dental Materials[4]	Prereq: Advisor Consent	F
2	*508-302	5	🎓 Dental Chairside[4]	Prereq: Advisor Consent; 508-101 Coreq: 508-304; 508-113	F
2	*508-304	2	🎓 Dental and General Anatomy[4]	Prereq: Advisor Consent	F
2	*508-306	3	Dental Assistant Clinical[4,6,8]	Prereq: Advisor Consent; 508-101 Coreq: 508-103; 508-113; 508-302; 508-304; 508-307	F
2	*508-307	1	Dental Assistant Professionalism[1,4]	Prereq: Advisor Consent	F
3	*508-120	2	Dental Office Management[1]	Prereq: 508-307	S
3	*508-308	5	Dental Chairside – Advanced	Prereq: 508-302	S
3	*508-309	4	Dental Laboratory Procedure	Prereq: 508-113	S
3	*508-310	1	Dental Radiography – Advanced	Prereq: 508-103	S
3	*508-311	2	Dental Assistant Clinical – Advanced[6,7,8]	Prereq: 508-306	S

Minimum Program Total Credits Required: 33

Notes associated with courses (identified by a superscript number at the end of the course title) are located on the back of the sheet.

⦿ Mastery of this course will put students on a path to achieve successful degree completion, on-time graduation, and enrich the college experience. Students are required to take this course in their first semester of enrollment. Please see an advisor for details.

🎓 = Milestone Course. Faculty have identified this course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program.

(*) indicates students must achieve a minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses to meet graduation requirements.

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Dental Assistant program prepares graduates to work with dentists as they examine and treat patients. Dental Assistants with documented skills also may carry out a variety of laboratory, clinical and office duties. Some dental assistants manage the office and are responsible for patient scheduling and bookkeeping functions. Graduates receive a technical diploma and are eligible to write the certification examination of the Dental Assisting National Board. Most dental assistants work in general or specialized dental offices, either for individual dentists or for groups of dentists. Some dental assistants may choose to work for insurance companies, dental laboratories, or dental supply companies. The dental assistant also may find employment with federal agencies such as the Veterans' Administration, United States Public Health Services, the Armed Forces, or a state, county or city health facility.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:
1. Perform a variety of advanced supportive dental procedures.
2. Manage infection and hazard control.
3. Produce diagnostic intraoral and extraoral radiographs on a variety of patients.
4. Perform advanced dental laboratory procedures.
5. Demonstrate professional behaviors, ethics, and appearance.
6. Perform dental office business procedures.

Essential Career Competencies

Gateway's six essential career competencies are the general attitudes and skills promoted and assessed by all programs. All Gateway graduates will develop skills in:

- Communication Competence
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Professionalism and Career Management
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Cultural Competence
- Technology Competence

Admission Requirements

1. Students must submit an application and pay $30 fee.
2. Students must meet one of the following: minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.6 (unweighted); earned at least 12 college credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0; or complete valid reading, writing, and math placement assessments.
3. Students must complete a Background Disclosure form and must request and pay for a background check. Applicants for all health science programs are subject to a review of their criminal backgrounds. Positive background checks may negatively impact your ability to pursue a health career at Gateway Technical College. Each case will be individually evaluated based on all available evidence provided to the college.
4. Students must submit official high school, GED, or HSED transcript including a graduation or passing date.

Graduation Requirements

1. Minimum 33 credits with an average of 2.0 or above.
2. *Minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses.
3. Complete 890-155 Gateway to Success (G2S) in the first semester.

For a complete list of Graduation Requirements, check the Student Handbook or Graduation Requirements.

Notes

1. This course will be taught online. Basic computer literacy and Blackboard knowledge are highly recommended.
2. Satisfactory college placement results (through multiple measures or placement test scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details
3. Any non-508 course may be taken prior to entry in the program, assuming requisites have been satisfied (or waived with departmental approval).
4. Students are selected based on completion of academic eligibility requirements and district residency. Students will be selected for their initial core 508 courses using a petition process. Students must meet petition requirements prior to enrolling in 508 courses. See gtc.edu/petitioning for additional information.
5. The Dental Assistant Program is only offered on a full-time basis, Monday through Friday. Travel is required to clinical sites. Students must provide their own transportation.
6. Students must provide CPR for the Healthcare Provider certification prior to enrollment.
7. Course 508-311 Dental Assistant Clinical - Advanced utilizes a Pass/Fail grading system.
8. Please note that your program may require one or all of the following additional fee(s) for: Criminal Background Check, Medical Document Manager, and/or Drug Testing.